

## Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2016

Appearance: Deep ruby colour. This juicy wine with red cherries, plums and a hint of mintiness on the nose carries the same character through on the palate, combined with spicy oak notes. This elegant and smooth wine has supple tannins.

**variety :** Merlot | 100% Merlot

**winery :** Raka Wines

**winemaker :** Josef Dreyer

**wine of origin :** Klein River

**analysis :** alc : 14.5 % vol   rs : 2.3 g/l   pH : 3.45   ta : 6.0 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Dry   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle   **size :** 750ml   **closure :** Cork

**about the harvest:** All grapes were hand picked and sorted in the vineyards.

**in the cellar :** A second berry sorting was done in the cellar, before a pure yeast culture was inoculated. The juice was pumped over the skins 3-5 times per day and manual punch downs done for 5 days. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was drained off the primary lees and transferred to a resting tank. Malolactic fermentation and a brief settling period preceded the wine's transfer to a combination of 225 litre barrels of French oak types. (25% New)



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