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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 inocculated. 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)