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Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2017

Appearance: Deep ruby colour.
Characters of prunes and blackberries, with tones of cloves and herbs and light eucalyptus on the nose.
The same fruity, spicy characters on the palate complemented by well integrated oak.

variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Josef Dreyer
wine of origin : Klein River
analysis : **alc :** 14.5 % vol **rs :** 2.7 g/l **pH :** 3.55 **ta :** 5.6 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).

