

Raka Figurehead 2017

Appearance: Clear ruby colour. Bouquet & Palate: This Cape blend (15% Pinotage) reveals raspberries and blackcurrant on the nose with a hint of spicy eucalyptus and caramelized banana from the Pinotage. Herbaceous black olives leads to a complex palate with ripe tannins and warm spice.

Variety: Pinotage | 36% Pinotage, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

winery: Raka Wines

winemaker: Josef Dreyer

wine of origin: Klein River

analysis: alc:14.5 % vol rs:2.2 g/l pH:3.63 ta:5.4 g/l type:Red style:Dry taste:Fragrant wooded pack:Bottle size:750ml closure:Cork

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in the vineyard :

Wine-growing Area: Klein River Ward

about the harvest: All grapes were hand picked.

in the cellar :

All grapes were hand picked and sorted before a pure yeast culture was inocculated. The juice was pumped over the skins 3-5 times per day for 5 days and the cake punched down. 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 to a combination of 225 liter barrels of French oak types. The wine spent between 12- 14 months in barrels before blending, bottling and labeling.



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