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Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2020

This juicy, well structured Merlot has ripe black fruit and a hint of mint and eucalyptus on the nose with spicy oak notes and plums on the palate.



variety : Merlot | 100% Merlot
winery : Raka Wines
winemaker : Josef Dreyer
wine of origin : Klein River
analysis : **alc :** 14.0 % vol **rs :** 2.6 g/l **pH :** 3.53 **ta :** 6.1 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)