

# Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2007

main variety Merlot

vintage 2007

# analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.6 | rs: 2.30 | ta: 5.60

type Whiteproducer Raka Winesstyle Drywinemaker Josef Dreyertaste Fruitywine of Kleinriverbody Light

### tasting notes

#### Appearance: Deep ruby colour

Wine Style: Dry Bouquet & Palate: This classic Merlot shows characters of red berries and cloves with a hint of mintiness. Forthcoming on the nose with sweet violets and spicy oak. The wine is elegant and smooth with supple tannins.

### ageing potential

It is ready to drink now, or within 5 years.

# blend information

100% Merlot

### about the harvest

All grapes were hand picked and sorted twice before a pure yeast culture, B13, was inoculated.

#### in the cellar

The juice was pumped over the skins 3-5 times per day for 5 days. Once fermentation was complete, the wine was drained of the primary lees and transferred to a resting tank. Malolactic fermentation and a brief settling period preceded the wine to a combination of 225 litre barrels of French oak.