



Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2009

main variety Merlot

vintage 2009

analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.49 | rs: 2.3 | ta: 5.7

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

wine of Kleinriver Ward

tasting notes

The Merlot 2009 is a selection of the ten best barrels of Merlot produced in that year. On the nose this wine is an explosion of dark fruit - prunes and blackberries with a slight caramelized sweetness. These flavours are repeated on the palate with some smoky tones complemented by well integrated oak. Lingering finish.

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.