

# Raka Spliced 2012

main variety Merlot

vintage 2012

# analysis alc: 14.00 | ph: 3.64 | rs: 2.2 | ta: 4.8

type Red

style Dry

body Full

taste Herbaceous

producer Raka Wines winemaker Josef Dreyer wine of Western Cape

#### tasting notes

Appearance: Ruby Red with purple rim. Nose & Palate: An abundance of ripe berries with spice on the nose. On the pallet the wine shows more spicy smoky tones, the oak compliments the spice on the aftertaste leaving a mouth-coating long finish.

### blend information

30% Pinotage, 27% Shiraz, 21% Merlot, 13% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot

#### in the vineyard

The Ruby Cabernet was sourced from warmer areas to blend with the rest. Wine-growing Area: Cape South coast

# 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 manuel 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).