

## Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2014

main variety Merlot

vintage 2014

## analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.56 | rs: 2.6 | ta: 5.3

type Red

style Dry

producer Raka Wines winemaker Josef Dreyer wine of Klein River

## tasting notes

On the nose this wine is an explosion of dark fruit - prunes and blackberries with a slight caramelized sweetness. These flavors are repeated on the palate with some smoky tones complimented by well integrated oak. Lingering finish.

blend information 100% Merlot

about the harvest

All grapes were hand picked.

## in the cellar

The grapes were sorted twice before a pure yeast culture, B13, was inoculated 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.