



Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2016

main variety Merlot

vintage 2016

analysis alc: 14.5 | ph: 3.45 | rs: 2.3 | ta: 6.0

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

wine of Klein River

tasting notes

Appearance: Deep ruby colour. This juicy wine with red cherries, plums and a hint of mintiness on the nose carries the same character through on the palate, combined with spicy oak notes. This elegant and smooth wine has supple tannins.

blend information

100% Merlot

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 inoculated. 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)