



## Raka Spliced 2011

main variety Merlot

vintage 2011

analysis alc: 14.00 | ph: 3.62 | rs: 3.1 | ta: 5.4

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

taste Herbaceous

wine of Western Cape

body Full

### tasting notes

Intense ruby red colour with blackcurrant, spice and ripe fruit on the nose. Fruity tones and soft tannins on the palate with a long spicy aftertaste.

### blend information

56% Merlot, 19% Ruby Cabernet, 8% Malbec, 9% Shiraz, 8% Petit Verdot

### about the harvest

All grapes were handpicked 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). The Ruby Cabernet was sourced from warmer areas to blend with the rest.