Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2017

main variety Merlot

vintage 2017

analysis alc: 14.5 | ph: 3.55 | rs: 2.7 | ta: 5.6

type Red

style Dry

producer Raka Wines

winemaker Josef Dreyer

wine of Klein River

tasting notes

Appearance: Deep ruby colour.
Characters of prunes and blackberries, with tones of cloves and herbs and light eucalyptus on the nose. The same fruity, spicy characters on the palate complemented by well integrated oak.

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 inocculated. 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).