Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2020

main variety Merlot

vintage 2020

analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.53 | rs: 2.6 | ta: 6.1

type Red

style Dry

producer Raka Wines

winemaker Josef Dreyer

wine of Klein River

tasting notes

This juicy, well structured Merlot has ripe black fruit and a hint of mint and eucalyptus on the nose with spicy oak notes and plums on the palate.

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)