

## Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2009

main variety Merlot

vintage 2009

analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.49 | rs: 2.3 | ta: 5.7

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

wine of Kleinriver Ward

### tasting notes

The Merlot 2009 is a selection of the ten best barrels of Merlot produced in that year. On the nose this wine is an explosion of dark fruit - prunes and blackberries with a slight caramelized sweetness. These flavours are repeated on the palate with some smoky tones complemented by well integrated oak. Lingering finish.

### ageing potential

It is ready to drink now, or within 5 years.

### blend information

100% Merlot

### about the harvest

All grapes were hand picked and sorted twice before a pure yeast culture, B13, was inoculated.

### in the cellar

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.

