

Raka Figurehead 2008

main variety Cabernet Sauvignon

vintage 2008

analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.59 | rs: 3.8 | ta: 5.5

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

taste Fragrant

wine of Kleinriver Ward

tasting notes

Appearance: Clear ruby colour.

Nose: The berries and black currant of the Cabernet Sauvignon is prominent with hints of spicy eucalyptus. This is supported by a lovely caramel and chocolate flavours of the Merlot and soft pepper and sandalwood flavours of Cabernet Franc. This is rounded off beautifully with the Pinotage offering banana, boiled sweets and a touch of mocha.

Palate: Layers of herbaceous black olives, smoky cedar with a touch of cigar box, pencil shavings and sour cherries. This is supported by good toastiness from sweet oak.

ageing potential

Ready to drink now or in the next 7 years.

blend information

22% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 13% Pinotage, 16% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 4% Petit Verdot

about the harvest

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

in the cellar

The juice was pumped over the skins 3 - 5 times per day for 5 days and the cake punched down. 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 to a combination of 225 litre barrels of French oak types. The wine spent between 12 - 14 months in barrel before blending, bottling and labeling.

