



## Raka Barrel Select Merlot 2014

main variety Merlot

vintage 2014

analysis alc: 14.0 | ph: 3.56 | rs: 2.6 | ta: 5.3

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

wine of Klein River

### tasting notes

On the nose this wine is an explosion of dark fruit - prunes and blackberries with a slight caramelized sweetness. These flavors are repeated on the palate with some smoky tones complimented by well integrated oak. Lingering finish.

### blend information

100% Merlot

### about the harvest

All grapes were hand picked.

### in the cellar

The grapes were sorted twice before a pure yeast culture, B13, was inoculated. 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.