



Raka Figurehead 2017

main variety Pinotage

vintage 2017

analysis alc: 14.5 | ph: 3.63 | rs: 2.2 | ta: 5.4

type Red

producer Raka Wines

style Dry

winemaker Josef Dreyer

taste Fragrant

wine of Klein River

tasting notes

Appearance: Clear ruby colour.

Bouquet & Palate: This Cape blend (15% Pinotage) reveals raspberries and blackcurrant on the nose with a hint of spicy eucalyptus and caramelized banana from the Pinotage. Herbaceous black olives leads to a complex palate with ripe tannins and warm spice.

blend information

36% Pinotage, 26% Cabernet Sauvignon, 22% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petit Verdot, 3% Malbec

in the vineyard

Wine-growing Area: Klein River Ward

about the harvest

All grapes were hand picked.

in the cellar

All grapes were hand picked and sorted before a pure yeast culture was inoculated. 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 liter barrels of French oak types. The wine spent between 12- 14 months in barrels before blending, bottling and labeling.