

## Culraithin Merlot 2003

Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2005 - Best Merlot

Herbal notes, and a slight puckeriness. Well handled, savory tannins. Olivacious and earthy. Some austerity, with good fruit on the finish.

Drink with Venison or Roast Duck to finish with a Chilli ice cream.

**variety :** Merlot | 95% Merlot

**winery :** Coleraine Wines

**winemaker :** Clive Kerr

**wine of origin :** Paarl

**analysis :** alc : 15.0 % vol   rs : 3.7 g/l   pH : 3.74   ta : 5.8 g/l   va : 0.66 g/l

**type :** Red   **style :** Very Dry   **body :** Huge   **taste :** Mineral   **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle

Fairbairn Capital Trophy Wine Show 2005 - Trophy Wine and only Gold medalist, 94 points

**ageing :** Drinking well now, or keep for 5 to 8 years.

**in the vineyard :** Bush vines, dry land, no irrigation.

Age of vines: 10 years and 19 years

Soil type: Decomposed granite

Picked: March 2003

Yield: 3 tons per hectare

**in the cellar :** All grapes are grown, selected, handpicked and vinified on the farm.

Moved to 10% new French oak, the rest to 2nd and 3rd fill barrels.

