

## Fire Engine Red Merlot Shiraz 2005

This marriage of Merlot & Shiraz brings out the best of both cultivars. Densely fruited, peppery smoky Shiraz with the Merlots savoury mulberry notes. All in all together a full ripe balanced wine.

Enjoy with barbequed meats.



**variety :** Merlot | 50% Merlot, 50% Shiraz

**winery :** Coleraine Wines

**winemaker :** Clive Kerr

**wine of origin :** Paarl

**analysis :** alc : 13.94 % vol    rs : 4.7 g/l    pH : 3.63    ta : 5.6 g/l    va : 0.35 g/l

**type :** Red      wooded

This wine honours "Dennis", a Rolls Royce B. 80 Mark X powered fire fighting machine built in 1946 in the UK. It was dedicated in November 3, 1949 at the Paarl Town Hall and handed over to His Worship the Mayor of Paarl, The Rev P.P Joubert. The marriage of Merlot's savoury mulberry notes and the densely fruited, peppery smoke of Shiraz brings out the best of both varietal.

**ageing :** 5 years plus.

**in the vineyard :** Soil Type: decomposed granite

Age of vines: 7 - 21 years

Trellising: 7 wire hedge vineyards, planted at 200 meters above sea level

Yield: 6-8 tons per hectare

Irrigation: supplementary overhead

**about the harvest:** The grapes were handpicked at 26° Balling and selected from own vineyards.

**in the cellar :** Vinified on the farm in the cellar. 45hl/h. Cold soak for 2 days.

Inoculation with NT50. Open fermentors used with punch downs 4 - 5 times per day. Fermentation - 4 days, pressed at 5°B. Malolactic fermentation in tank.