

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2008 CULLEN MANGAN

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Vanya Cullen
<b>REGION :</b>	Margaret River, Western Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	Merlot (42%), Petit Verdot (32%), Malbec (19%)
<b>MATURATION :</b>	9 months in French oak
<b>ALCOHOL :</b>	14% alc./vol

### QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:

Cullen is regarded as one of Australia's greatest estates with the Chardonnay considered one of the country's finest. Diana Cullen will always be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable and adored women. She was responsible for making the Cullen wines from 1981 until 1989 when she handed the reigns to her highly talented daughter, Vanya, Australia's Winemaker of the Year in 2000. The Cullen vineyard is organically farmed and dry-grown with an 'A' grade certification with the Biological Farmers Association after 3 years in conversion.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

Good winter rains allowed for adequate moisture throughout a near-perfect growing season of warm, dry weather that kept all disease pressure at bay. A sprinkling of rains towards the end of the season allowed the red grapes a little extra hang time that saw the tannin and flavor development catch up with sugars for perfectly ripe fruit.

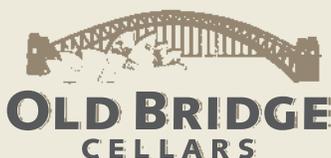
### TASTING NOTES:

Malbec, Petit Verdot and Merlot are varieties that are well suited to grow in Margaret River. When blended, they form a divine trinity. The Malbec provides power and color, the Petit Verdot the length and texture and the Merlot, the structure. The 2008 Mangan is perfumed with rich blackberry aromas that lead into an attractive palate of mulberry and black cherry flavors. Hints of spicy oak and wonderfully soft tannins round out the lush finish. This wine benefited from being matured for nine months in high quality French oak and can be cellared up to 15 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** Not yet reviewed.

### ABOUT CULLEN:

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. In redefining the style of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon produced in the 1970s, the fledgling estate caught the attention of the nation. Since then, an unrelenting commitment to quality and site expression has positioned Cullen as one of Australia's greatest estates - and Margaret River as one of the nation's premier wine-producing regions. The mature, biodynamically-farmed vineyards produce elegant, age-worthy wines that draw worldwide critical acclaim, including what is regarded by many as the country's definitive Bordeaux blend.



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