



## 2009 CULLEN EPHRAIM CLARKE SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

### Review Summary



**92-94 pts** “This is more generous on the nose than the '08: lovely touches of apple-blossom, Conference pear, a touch of dried apricot and white flowers. This has such great lift and expression. The palate is medium-bodied, soft entry, very harmonious, green apple, lime, apricot and a touch of white peach. Elegant and sensuous on the finish. This is a Margaret River Semillon/Sauvignon at its very best and comes highly recommended.”

Neal Martin's Wine Journal, [www.eRobertParker.com](http://www.eRobertParker.com)  
May 26, 2010

**92 pts** “This vineyard and blend give a tight-knit in youth, and chalky style with notes of fresh lemon juice, orange blossom and a touch of white pepper. Crisp, clean, nervy and intense, the finish is long with a lingering suggestion of wet pebbles. Drink this one now to 2014+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate  
October 2010

**91 pts** “This wine seems a bit sweaty at first, but with a little aeration it becomes more toasty and citrusy. Hints of honey and tangerine mark the palate, but with its modest alcohol and crisp acidity, it never seems heavy at all. Try as an apéritif or with seafood.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast  
October 2011

**90+ pts** “Greenish yellow. Smoky citrus and white peach aromas are lifted by a sexy floral topnote and complemented by a strong vanillin oak quality. At once supple and juicy, with brisk acidity and underlying minerality adding verve to the lush pit fruit and tangerine flavors. Tangy minerality adds spine and cuts through the sweet oak on the finish. This sexy wine needs some bottle age to absorb the sweet, spicy lumber.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2010



“Aged in new oak so the aroma is faintly smoked with a hint of nutmeg and honey. Herbs and spices make the wine complex and it’s remarkably tart, so it is nicely balanced, and needs at least another 3 years to develop. Not your usual lean, delicate wine!”

**Dan Berger, Dan Berger’s Vintage Experiences  
September 30, 2010**

“This example from pioneering Cullen winery is one of the very best. The latest vintage of its flagship "SBS" is a wonderful balance of tangy acidity and savory herbs and spices, with aromas of smoke and honeysuckle. The texture is surprisingly rich and round for a wine with a why-not-finish-the-bottle 11.5 percent alcohol.”

**Elin McCoy, [www.zesterdaily.com](http://www.zesterdaily.com)  
October 11, 2010**

