

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2009 CULLEN EPHRAIM CLARKE SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

**WINEMAKER:** Vanya Cullen  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Sauvignon Blanc (70%), Semillon (30%)  
**MATURATION:** 27% of the wine matured 4 months in French barriques  
**ALCOHOL:** 11.5% alc./vol

### QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:

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 reins 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.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

The quality of this wine is evidence that 2009 was a great vintage for Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon in Margaret River. It has now become clear that the use of biodynamic practices by the Cullens is encouraging the vines in each of their vineyards to express their own individuality and fruit characteristics.

### TASTING NOTES:

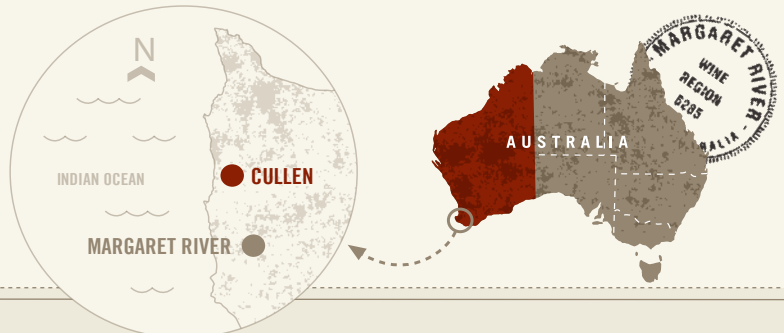
On the nose, the 2009 Ephraim Clarke Fresh, lively and strong gooseberry and lime aromas are complemented by clean vanilla oak notes. The palate contains a multitude of fruit flavours, which include citrus, bay leaf, gooseberry and nectarine. This wine is drinking wonderfully now, and will continue to develop further complexity for a number of years under proper cellaring conditions.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

**92 pts** The Wine Advocate, **91 pts** Wine Enthusiast, **90+ pts** Stephen Tanzer

### 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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