

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2012 CULLEN VANYA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	Vanya Cullen
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	97% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION :	19 months in 100% French oak (50% new)
ALCOHOL :	13.5% alc/vol

BACKGROUND :

Very rarely a vintage occurs which presents an opportunity to create something truly special. The 2012 vintage was an exceptional year. This is a wine that represents everything Cullen holds dear; the land, the climate and the vines which the family have nurtured for over 44 years at Cullen Wines, Wilyabrup

WINEMAKING :

The growing season for the 2012 harvest had good rains followed by the hottest January for many years. The Cabernet Sauvignon Diana Madeline block was hand harvested with stunning quality on the full moon fruit days of 7 to 9 March. The primary fermentation took 6 days and malolactic fermentation took 6 weeks. Skin contact time was 21 days and the fruit was sourced from 100% old vines on Cullen Vineyard. All of the wine was aged in Sylvain and Taransaud oak barrels for 19 months of which 50% were new. The 'Vanya' is certified biodynamic, naturally fermented with no yeast, acid, malolactic culture additives, fining nor filtration.

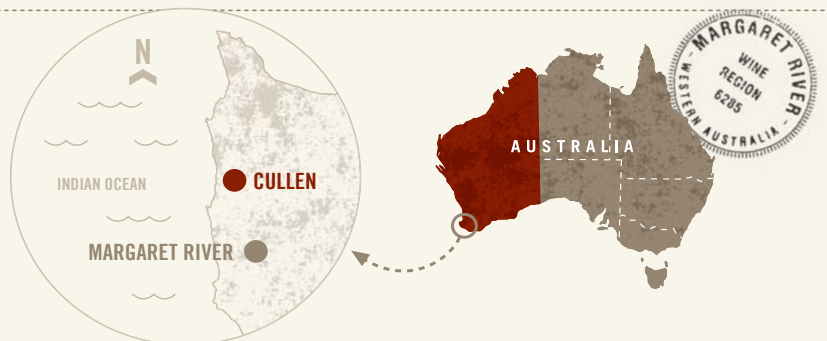
TASTING NOTES :

A truly extraordinary wine. Layers of primary fruit flavors with a plethora of savory and secondary notes. Beautifully constructed and elegant with intensely pure flavors and silky tannins. With careful cellaring this wine will continue to develop for 30 years or more.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 97+ pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

ABOUT CULLEN :

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. Since that time, an unrelenting commitment to quality, integrity and sustainability 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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