

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2013 CULLEN DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

WINEMAKER :	Vanya Cullen
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	73% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc
MATURATION :	17 months in 100% French oak (60% new)
ANALYSIS :	13.0% alc/vol TA: 5.5 g/L pH: 3.61

BACKGROUND :

Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting the Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000.

WINEMAKING :

The growing season for 2013 Diana Madeline was favorable with good spring rains and a warm ripening period. Low yields due to hail and storms at flowering produced very concentrated berries. The primary fermentation took an average 35 days. Total skin contact for all varieties averaged 49 days. The wine was then matured in French oak for 17 months with 60% being new barrels.

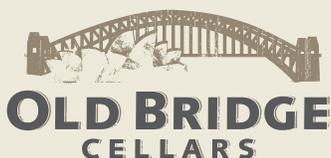
TASTING NOTES :

The bouquet displays complexity and vitality with layers of well ripened dark fruits highlighted by nuances of blackcurrants, plums and mulberries. The palate shows an athletic structure and fruit driven, presenting blackcurrant and mulberry fruits finishing with fine grained tannins. Subtle layers of complexity arise from fruit harvested at the pinnacle of ripeness. Under the right conditions this wine will cellar for at least 30 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 98 pts Australian Wine Companion, 94+ pts The Wine Advocate, 94 pts Vinous, 93 pts - Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

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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