

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2014 CULLEN AMBER

WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Semillon (64%), Sauvignon Blanc (36%)
MATURATION: 79% matured for 4 months in new French barriques
ANALYSIS: 15.0% 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.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

The idea behind this wine is to make a white wine like a red. The grapes were left on skins and fermented partially before being pressed. The skin contact went from two days to one month depending on the grape/parcel. The fruit was processed in different vessels: open fermenters, closed tank as well as amphora with no additions and minimal fining. This explains some of the complexity and the many layers of this wine. With 2014 being such an amazing vintage for Semillon, it was great time to launch "Amber".

TASTING NOTES:

The premier release of Cullen's Amber has a complex bouquet of lemon, cumquat, orange blossom and hints of bush honey. The palate is textured and concentrated with great length and persistence. Flavors of figs, dried pears, cream and orange are layered throughout; the wine finishing with a gentle and pleasant saltiness. Will reward with careful cellaring.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts Australian Wine Companion, 92 pts Vinous, 90 - 91 pts The Wine Advocate, 89 pts Wine Spectator

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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