

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2014 CULLEN 'KEVIN JOHN' CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 8 months in 100% new French barriques
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc./vol

TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER:

Kevin Cullen was a passionate believer in Margaret River's potential to become one of the world's great regions for Chardonnay. He created the Cullen International Wine Tasting, now in its twenty fifth year, to provide a vehicle by which Margaret River's Chardonnays could be benchmarked against the great Chardonnays of the world. In order to recognize the contribution Kevin made in elevating Cullen's Chardonnay to the iconic status it holds today, Vanya named the Cullen Chardonnay after him from the 2006 vintage onwards.

WINEMAKING:

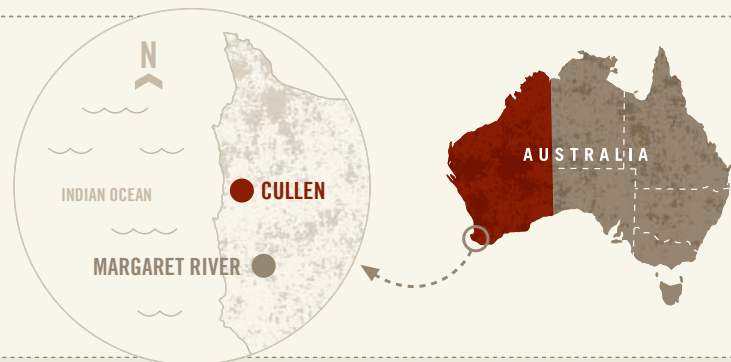
Good rain during growing season with no rain at all from January to the end of harvest in March. Low yields and extraordinary compositions with low ph and good acids and flavors. A vintage with long lasting wines of larger than life character. The Chardonnay was hand-picked and the whole bunches were pressed in small basket presses and spontaneously fermented in French barriques, one third of which were new. The wine underwent partial malolactic fermentation prior to aging for a further nine months in barrel. All Cullen wines are certified biodynamic with no additions.

TASTING NOTES:

Intense citrus, pear and tropical fruit aromas are enhanced by the perfect oak treatment. Rich and complex, combining fresh pear, nectarine and tropical notes. Wonderfully balanced by the citrusy acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Australian Wine Companion

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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