



2009 CULLEN WINES KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



97 pts “The 23- to 35-year-old vines were hand-picked over two weeks; the wine was wild yeast-fermented and spent nine months in new French oak that barely intrudes, so intense and focused is the mix of grapefruit, white peach and mineral flavors of the magnificently long and fresh palate. A wine of exceptional poise and purity.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion 2013

96 pts – Best of the Best

Nick Stock
2012 Good Wine Guide

94+ pts “A very different style for this blend – I love this wine. The 2009 Kevin John Chardonnay was 100% barrel fermented and aged for 9 months in new and 1 year old French barriques. The nose is youthfully mute, revealing delicate to moderately pronounced notes of cashews, yeast extract, clover honey on toast and crushed stones over white peaches and spiced apple slices. Medium bodied, satiny and with a good backbone of crisp acidity, the palate offers layers of stone fruit and savory flavors, finishing long and minerally. Drink it 2013 to 2019+.”

Lisa Perotti-Brown, eRobertParker
August, 2011

92 pts “Cullen’s Kevin John remains one of Margaret River’s (and Australia’s) benchmark Chardonnays. Scents of grilled peaches lead into flavors of pineapple, vanilla and smoke, but more importantly, the palate is balanced just right. It’s not too broad, not too lean; not overly sharp, but not soft. The finish is long and harmonious.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
June 2013

92 pts

James Suckling, jameassuckling.com
June 20, 2012



92 pts “Light yellow. Pear, lemon gelato, honeysuckle and toasty oak on the nose. Smoky orchard fruit flavors show good density and are lifted by tangy acidity. A sweet melon note emerges with air and carries through the very long, smoky and penetrating finish. There's a refreshing bitter overtone here that will make this wine flexible at the table.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010**

White Wine of the Year

**Ray Jordan
The West Australian Wine Guide 2012**

