

## 2010 CULLEN WINES KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**97 pts** “Hand-picked, whole bunch-pressed, and wild yeast-fermented in two-thirds new French barriques, one-third one-year-old, before spending a further five months in those barrels. The texture and mouth feel are supple and round, the white peach, cashew and fig flavors coursing in an unbroken stream through to the finish and aftertaste. The length of the finish is prodigious.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion 2013**

**96 pts** “Interesting citrus flavors and soft buttery notes highlight the intense boutique. Complex, great depth, exceptional texture and minerality for its obvious power.”

**David Prestipino, Top Drops, STM The Sunday Times**  
**May 2012**

**95+ pts** “Cullen's 2010 Kevin John Chardonnay was whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented naturally in French oak, 2/3 new and 1/3 one year old. It underwent partial malo-lactic fermentation prior to being aged a further five months in barrel. The nose is intensely scented of ripe peaches, green mangos and guava with touches of brioche, cashews, meal and chopped fresh ginger. The medium-bodied palate fills the mouth with luscious stone fruit, toast and nut flavors with a beautifully creamy texture and crisp acid that gives lift long into the spice-laced finish. Delicious now, it will reward cellaring and drink best 2013 to 2020+. This is a truly great Kevin John!”

**Lisa Perotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com #202**  
**August, 2012**

**93 pts** “One of Australia’s leading Chardonnays, this is wonderfully mouthfilling and fleshy, yet remains cool and sophisticated. Buttery, toasty and nutty notes accent grilled peach and pineapple flavors, all pulled together on the finish by a refreshing squeeze of lime-driven citrus.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
**September 2013**



**92 pts** “Light gold. Intense, mineral-accented aromas of iodine, orange zest, talc and white flowers. Pliant in texture and nicely concentrated, offering precise citrus and peach flavors and a strong overlay of dusty minerals. Finishes clean, bright and very long, with an echoing lemon note.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2012**

**92 pts** “Focused, ripe and distinctive for its juicy pear and pineapple flavors, playing against tobacco and lime notes as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2018.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider  
May 16, 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 The International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2011**

**91 pts** “Whole bunch-pressing creates a floral greenness in this wine, its flavors bringing lemon curd and hibiscus to mind. It is both generous in texture and tense in acidity, the wine broadened by its time in oak. A rich chardonnay with elasticity and snap to its fruit, this should develop over the next five years in bottle.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine  
October 2012**