

2010 CULLEN
EPHRAIM CLARKE
SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON
Review Summary



95 pts “It shows absolutely no green/unripe fruit, just aromatic citrus and herb notes on the long, intense palate that I can only describe as slippery.”

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
August 11, 2011

93 pts “Barrel fermented and only 12% alcohol, yet very expansive across the palate. Tightly wound with flint, lemon curd and truffle and yeast aromas. Vivacious length. Drink now and over eight years. Great stuff!”

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com
June 20, 2012

92+ pts “A blend of 66% Sauvignon Blanc and 34% Semillon, about two-thirds of the 2010 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon was fermented and aged for 5 months in new French barriques. The nose is complex, more savory than fruity with dominant notes of yeast, toasted nuts and lightly grilled bread over ripe grapefruit, spiced pears and honeycomb. Light to medium bodied and very crisp in the mouth, it has a suggestion of creaminess to the texture and the finish is long, layered by citrus and savory flavors. It’s temptingly delicious now though I suspect it will get a whole lot better with 1-3 years in bottle, cellaring to 2015+.”

Lisa Perotti-Brown, eRobertParker - Issue #196
August 2011

90 pts “Vanya Cullen and her Cullen wines from Margaret River have a well-deserved reputation for uncompromising quality. This blend of 66% Sauvignon Blanc and 34% Semillon amply displays the unique character that Australian winemakers get from Semillon. A small part of this blend was aged for four months in French oak, giving the wine texture, while allowing the scents of ripe melon and bright mineral and citrus to come through in the nose and on the palate. It has texture, ample fruit, 12% alcohol, structure and good length through the finish.”

Gerald D. Boyd, WineReviewOnline.com
March 27, 2012



90 pts “Two-thirds Sauvignon to one-third Semillon creates a blend of lemon and ginger scents in this tight, floral white. The middle of the wine is smoky and firm, the finish lasting on green fig and citrus. It’s a white with substance, one that will age with grace.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2011

EXCEPTIONAL “A Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon blend that is superb, with white pepper, lanolin and dried tangerine peel. Bone dry, zingy acid.”

Dan Berger, Vintage Experiences
March 22, 2012

“Zingy, nutty, serious, superb.”

Joe Roberts, 1WineDude.com
August 12, 2013

“Vanya Cullen partially ages this white in new French oak, which adds a toasty richness to its tangy citrus and apple tones.”

Food & Wine, Wine Guide
2013