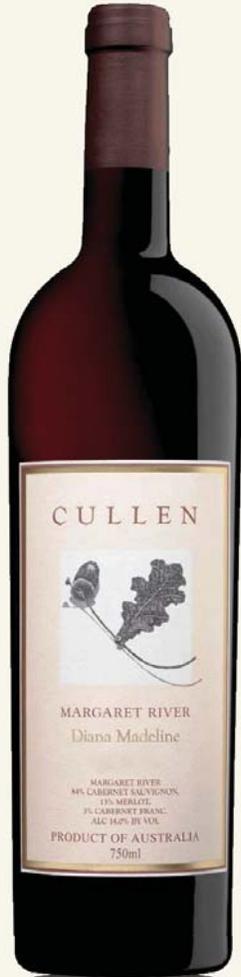


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MARGARET RIVER



## 2012 CULLEN WINES DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

**WINEMAKER :** Vanya Cullen  
**REGION :** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS :** 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Merlot, 7% Cabernet Franc  
**MATURATION :** 19 months in 100% French oak (38% new)  
**ANALYSIS :** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.3 g/L | pH: 3.59

### BACKGROUND :

Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting the Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000.

### VINTAGE NOTES :

Amazing fruit! During this vintage, all of the Cabernet Sauvignon crop was harvested over the full moon fruit days of 7th, 8th and 9th of March. It was an enormous effort to be hand processing this amount of fruit in such a short time, especially in those hot conditions. It is very unlikely that this planetary line up will happen again at this level of maturity, making the 2012 Diana Madeline possibly a once in a lifetime wine.

### TASTING NOTES :

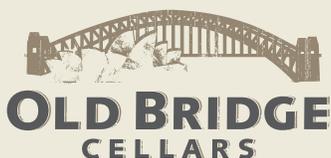
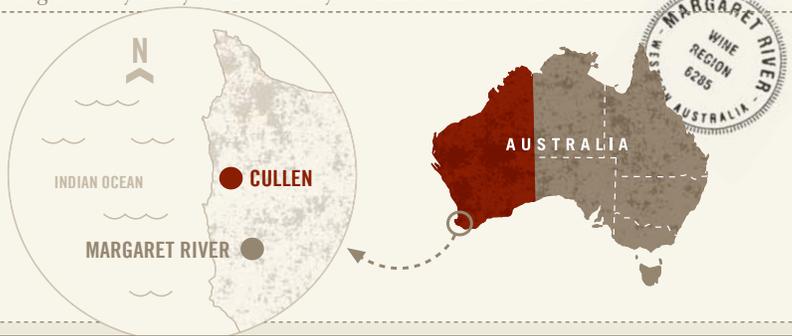
Amazing clarity and complexity, with a very attractive combination of violets, rose, cassis and red peppers. The palate represents a marvelous blend of rich chocolate, plum, mulberry and notes of cassis. It is concentrated and supported by a beautiful lingering ironstone mineral finish. Fruit purity really stands out and this wine already shows amazing layers of complexity. Under the right conditions this wine will cellar for at least 30 years.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

98 pts/Top 100 Wines of 2014 Australian Wine Companion, 95+ pts The Wine Advocate, 94 pts International Wine Cellar, 93 pts Wine & Spirits, 91 pts Wine Spectator

### ABOUT CULLEN :

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. Since that time, an unrelenting commitment to quality, integrity and sustainability 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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