

2012 CULLEN WINES
KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY
Review Summary



98 pts – Best of Chardonnay 2015 “Made according to the biodynamic calendar from vine to glass. Estate-grown 36-year-old vines were whole bunch-pressed and wild yeast-fermented in French oak (one-third new). Has the usual Cullen magic, pitting very complex fruit against fine, taut acidity, yet making it appear the two were made for each other; the length of the wine is prodigious, its finesse equally extraordinary.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2015

96+ pts “The 2012 Kevin John Chardonnay reveals a savory and nutty nose with aromas of crushed cashews, baking bread, yeast extract and struck match enveloping a core of spiced apples and peaches. Light to medium-bodied, the palate is very tightly knit with a lively acid backbone to support the intense apple and toast flavor layers. It finishes long.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 2014

94 pts – Editors’ Choice “This is plump enough to be appealing now, yet with a strong frame of acidity to hold it together for the next 10 or more years. Toasted nuts and fresh pineapple aromas and flavors are exotic upfront, while the lemony finish is long and mouthwatering.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
June 2015

94 pts – HOT WINES “Bright and vivid, with layers of citrusy, spicy, mineral notes playing against pear and nectarine fruit, gliding into a long and vibrant finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
April 2015



94 pts “Greenish yellow. Heady aromas of ripe citrus and orchard fruits, honeysuckle, iodine and candied ginger, with subtle lees and smoky mineral qualities in the background. Juicy, incisive and pure, offering fresh tangerine, pear and chamomile flavors lifted by tangy acidity. This silky, seamless yet penetrating Chardonnay finishes with a whiplash of lively citrus fruits and lingering floral character. I don't recall ever having a better example of this consistently outstanding Australian white wine.”

Josh Reynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

93 pts “This smells and tastes like a top Meursault with so many subtle yet intense aromas of cooked apples and cream plus hints of minerals. Full body, lots of fruit and a yogurt, dried apple and pineapple flavor. Long and lively. Biodynamically grown.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
August 27, 2014

