

**2013 CULLEN WINES**  
**KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY**

**Review Summary**



**96 pts** “Hand-picked on a biodynamic flower day; whole bunch-pressed and wild-fermented in French oak and an egg, with a completely spontaneous fermentation before maturation for 7 months in French oak (30% new). It has brightness and life from the natural acidity remaining after the mlf, the fruit flavors drawn from both citrus and stone fruit inputs.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
**2016**

**95+ pts** “Gorgeous struck-match and savory, yeasty notes over a core of grapefruit, peaches, marmite, cashews, orange blossoms and ginger lead the 2013 Chardonnay Kevin John. This Chardonnay is a richer, concentrated style with layers of flavor and a wonderfully creamy texture. It has a very long finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
**March 2016**

**94 pts** “It’s a shame only the equivalent of one barrel of this wine was exported to the U.S., as it means only a handful of people here will get to experience it. It’s perhaps the closest thing to great white Burgundy to come from Australia; subtly smoky at first, like grilled white peaches, adding hints of lime and vanilla on the palate. It’s plump and slightly creamy in texture, but finishes with crisp, acidic verve.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast**  
**June 2016**

**93 pts** “Vivid yellow. Youthful, focused scents of ripe orange, pear, vanilla and smoky minerals are complicated by nuances of fennel, jasmine and iodine. Sappy, penetrating and pure in the mouth, offering juicy citrus and orchard fruit and honeysuckle flavors enlivened by a jolt of juicy acidity. Impressively concentrated yet graceful and fat-free, in the style of a serious Puligny-Montrachet. Finishes with excellent thrust and persistent floral and mineral qualities.”

**Josh Raynolds, Vinous**  
**March 2016**



**93 pts** "Elegant and smooth, with poached pear, spice and juicy nectarine notes that expand upon impact. Sweet cream, dried pineapple, toast and white flower details are effusive and expressive on the long finish."

**MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator Insider**  
**December 23, 2015**

**92 pts** "The best of Cullen's biodynamically grown wines capture their origins hard by the Indian Ocean in a current of coastal energy. This chardonnay feels dynamic, starting out broad and rich, then compressing its flavors into a subtle and quiet frame. Leesy notes of grain and minerals last, along with floral scents. If you open this now, decant is for something equally subtle and pure in its flavors, like a whole fish roasted in salt."

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**February 2016**

**17.5/20 pts** "Leesy and just a hint of struck match. Refined lemon fruit and some creaminess. Very vibrant and pure. Great balance. So neat, composed and beautifully harmonious."

**Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com**  
**October 8, 2015**