



## 2012 CULLEN WINES VANYA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**99 pts** “An extraordinary wine from the oldest (‘71) estate plantings, wild fermented and matured for 19 months in French oak (47% new). Deeply colored and highly fragrant, the palate takes you on a mesmerizing ride with a mid-palate peak of pure, unalloyed cassis fruit, then a swish of integrated savory tannins before rising again on the dark fruit line of the finish thanks in part to 3% Petit Verdot.”

**James Halliday**  
**Australian Wine Companion**  
2017

**97+ pts** “Not to be made every year, the debut vintage of the 2012 Vanya is a blend of 97% Cabernet Sauvignon with 3% Petit Verdot. Only 4,500 bottles of this wine were made. It spent 19 months in 50% new oak and possesses a deep garnet-purple color with a savory, yeasty and meaty nose redolent of red and black plums, cassis and cigar box, and a spicy undercurrent of lavender, bay leaf and rust. This multi-layered, taut, intensely flavored wine is beautifully elegant in the mouth, with incredibly ripe flavors and with silky tannins. It should cellar for 20-30 years or more.”

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

**96 pts/THE TOP 100 AUSTRALIAN WINES OF 2016 – #36** “A biodynamic cabernet with a small tweak of petit verdot (3%), this has a beautiful sense of richness, balance and harmony. The nose is swathed in ripe blackberry and dark-cherry aromas as well as blueberries. It’s impeccably ripe. The palate has a silky, long and velvet-like texture that sits well with the superb mid-palate richness and blueberry flavors. Long, shimmering, tannic finish. Releases itself long and effortlessly. Drink now or keep for 15+ years.”

**Nick Stock**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
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