

2014 CULLEN
EPHRAIM CLARKE
SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

Review Summary



96 pts/Sauvignon Blanc of the Year “In the lineage of the great and long-enduring dry white wines of Bordeaux, this blend of 64% sauvignon blanc and 36% semillon captures an energy, tightly-coiled structure and intricately integrated fruit intensity that promises to outlive all other Australian takes on this blend. The sauvignon component spent six months in French oak (70% new) yet possesses the presence and confidence to effortlessly swallow its oak influence. A blend of fine texture, driving persistence, epic line and captivating appeal.”

Tyson Stelzer

Tyson Stelzer’s Australian & New Zealand Wines of the Year 2017

95 pts “An estate-grown 64/36% blend; wild-fermented and matured in French oak (70%) new for 6 months, no acid additions made, and minimal fining. It is quite extraordinary how the wine has absorbed the oak, perhaps one of the factors emboldening Vanya Cullen to suggest a 15-year cellaring proposition - not so scary if you look at 15yo White Bordeaux.”

James Halliday

**Australian Wine Companion
2016**

93 pts “A complex and layered wine that has seen partial barrel fermentation and is showing a wealth of lime and lemon citrus plus some gentle tropical fruits and laid back nutty complexity. The palate is smooth, supple and even; really neatly struck complexity in terms of texture. Nectarine and lemon fruit flavors sit fresh, full of charm.”

Nick Stock

**JamesSuckling.com
February 2, 2016**



92 pts “Light, hazy yellow. Smoky, assertively perfumed aromas of poached pear, melon and lemon curd are complemented by suggestions of fennel, jasmine and vanilla. Supple and broad on entry, then more taut in the middle, offering juicy orchard fruit and orange zest flavors and a hint of toasty lees. Shows a suave blend of power and finesse and finishes sappy, smoky and very long, with a sexy floral quality. This complex wine reminded me a lot of a top-notch white Bordeaux.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
March 2016

92 pts “Matured in 70% new French oak for six months, this is quite different from most Margaret River versions of this blend. It’s more like a white Graves, with a silky mouthfeel and ripe, restrained fruit notes of fig and melon that linger on the finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
October 2016

90+ pts “Youthfully mute with a subtle lemon curd and apple-laced nose, plus nuances of ginger and yeast, the 2014 Ephraim Clarke Sauvignon Blanc Semillon has a light to medium-body and tons of vivacity. Tightly wound citrus and savory flavors coat the palate, finishing with mineral suggestions.”

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