

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2013 CULLEN MANGAN

WINEMAKER:	Vanya Cullen
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Merlot (63%), Malbec (25%), Petit Verdot (12%)
MATURATION:	11 months in French oak barriques (11% new)
ALCOHOL:	12.5% alc/vol

VINTAGE NOTES:

This wine was made from a carefully selected blend of Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot grown on the Mangan Vineyard, which has been shown to be ideally suited to nurturing these grape varieties. The growing season for the 2013 Mangan was favorable with good spring rains and a warm ripening period. Low yields due to hail and storms at flowering produced very concentrated berries.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

The fruit was carefully sorted before fermentation with indigenous yeasts and malolactic bacteria. No acid or yeast was added, producing a wine which has a sense of place through the grapes and natural winemaking techniques employed.

TASTING NOTES:

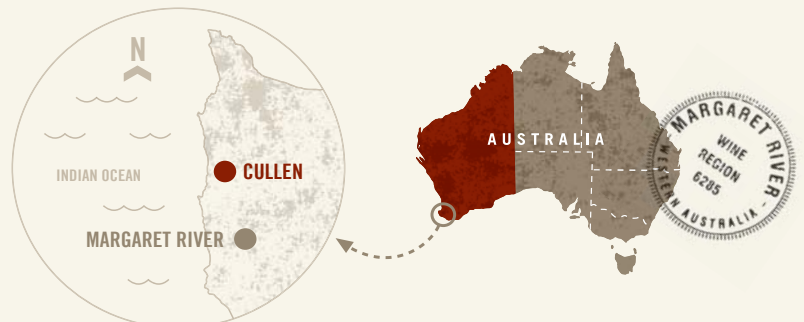
Lively aromas of fresh plum, rose petals and violets are backed by a touch of vanillin oak. The very attractive blend of rich plum, cherry, spice and black pepper flavors have produced a marvelously opulent middle palate that is backed by lovely soft tannins. A delicious and pure fruit - driven wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2012 vintage: **91+ pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

ABOUT CULLEN:

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. In redefining the style of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon produced in the 1970s, the fledgling estate caught the attention of the nation. Since then, an unrelenting commitment to quality and site expression 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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