

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2015 CULLEN DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

WINEMAKER :	Vanya Cullen
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	87% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Malbec
MATURATION :	17 months in 100% French oak (66% new)
ALCOHOL :	13.0% alc/vol

BACKGROUND :

Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting the Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000.

WINEMAKING :

The growing season for the 2015 Diana Madeline was favorable with good spring rains and a warm, dry ripening period. Very low yields hectare produced a concentrated elegant wine, bright in color, pure in fruit flavor concentration. The primary fermentation took an average 12 days. Skin contact time averaged 22 days. The wine was then matured in French oak for 17 months with 66% being new barrels. All Cullen wines are certified biodynamic with no additions.

TASTING NOTES :

The bouquet displays fantastic complexity and vitality with layers of well ripened dark fruits enhanced by gorgeous leafy notes. Structured and fruit driven, the palate presents blackcurrant fruit and lovely spicy nuances supported by fine grained tannins. A wine to watch as it unfolds and evolves over the next decades.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : Not yet reviewed. 2014 vintage: **98 pts** James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion

ABOUT CULLEN :

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. Since that time, an unrelenting commitment to quality, integrity and sustainability 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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