

## 2015 CULLEN WINES DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

### Review Summary



**98 pts** “It is inappropriate to use the word ‘elegant’ in describing the wine, simply because it is on another, higher level, making the word hackneyed in this instance. The fragrant bouquet, the silky palate and perfectly shaped tannins of the finish are unique to this wine.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion**  
2018

**98 pts** “I don’t think I have tasted a more elegant and refined Diana Madeline than this one. It is a stunning expression of all that is superb about Margaret River and the Cullen vineyard. A leafy tobacco and dark fruit combo on the nose. But it is the palate that sets it apart. Chalky tannins, fine-grained oak and such gloriously expressive fruit. One of the very finest Diana Madelines I have tasted.”

**Ray Jordan, The West Australian**  
May 27, 2017

**93 pts** “Lovely sweet-tobacco, forest-flower and currant aromas. Full body and chewy, juicy tannins that turn savory and delicious... From biodynamically grown grapes.”

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com**  
July 17, 2017

**Wine of the Week** “This is the new release of one of Australia’s most complete wines; a Margaret River classic that offers quite spectacular value given the prices now being asked for other Australian icon reds. This is seriously worthy of 98/100 in a world of frequently overblown scores. There are a lot of big-name Bordeaux blends not in the same class as this; a single-vineyard blend of 87% cabernet sauvignon, 11% merlot, 1% malbec and 1% cabernet franc from another standout West Australian vintage. Think classic blackcurrant and violet notes, along with stoney minerality, leafy elements and dark chocolate nuances. Impeccably balanced with fine-grained tannins, this is beautiful now but will almost certainly develop over a decade or more. A work of vinous art that’s worth taking out an overdraft for.”

**Winsor Dobbin, WDWineoftheWeek.blogspot.com.au**  
July 11, 2017