

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2015 CULLEN SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER:	Vanya Cullen
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Sauvignon Blanc (74%), Semillon (26%)
MATURATION:	74% for five months in new French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	13.0% alc./vol

QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:

Diana Cullen will always be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable and adored women. She was responsible for making the Cullen wines from 1981 until 1989 when she handed the reins to her highly talented daughter, Vanya, Australia's Winemaker of the Year in 2000. The Cullen vineyard is organically farmed and dry-grown with an 'A' grade certification with the Biological Farmers Association.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Strikingly similar harvest to 2014 in terms of weather and yields. Similar rainfall, dry from October to March. One difference was the Marri blossom which did not flower until after harvest, this created a lot of bird pressure. The time of harvest was almost identical to 2014, finishing mid-March, however the wine styles will be different. 2015 wines are characterised by lots of perfume, purity and great elegance whereas the 2014 wines are about fruit power and purity.

TASTING NOTES:

Delightful combination of fresh cut grass, spicy and vanillin oak aromas supported by tropical notes. The palate shows vibrant fruit lifted by citrus notes. Very complex already with lovely stone fruit nuances and toasty characteristics. Barrel fermentation is seamless and playing second role. A brilliant example of this classic blend.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 pts Vinous, 91 pts The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Wine Spectator

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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