

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2012 CULLEN MANGAN

**WINEMAKER:** Vanya Cullen  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Merlot (55%), Malbec (29%), Petit Verdot (16%)  
**MATURATION:** 83% matured for 8 months in new French barriques  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.19 g/L | pH: 3.63

### 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. As with the fruit used for the Mangan Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Semillon blend in 2012, the above three grape varieties all performed very well in this vintage and thus facilitated the production of this particularly flavorsome and complex wine. The wine benefited from ageing for eight months in oak.

### 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:

**91+ pts** Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **91 pts** Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **89 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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