

2016 CULLEN WINES
DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

Review Summary



97 pts “If the apocalypse were approaching and I only had time to savor one drink, then this would be a leading contender. This Margaret River benchmark is, to be blunt, downright spectacular with high-quality fruit, purity, elegance and texture and what Vanya Cullen describes as the ‘classic Cullen Vineyard Wilyabrup flavors: cassis, violets, chocolate and ironstone.’ This is a lifted, vibrant red that has soaked up mainly new French oak from barriques. A blend of 93% cabernet sauvignon, 5% merlot and 1% each of malbec and petit verdot, this is absolutely superb right now, but will cellar for decades. Impeccable balance, just 12.5% alcohol, from a certified biodynamic and carbon neutral estate.”

Winsor Dobbin
WDWineoftheWeek.com
May 18, 2018

18/20 pts “Spicy, intense with a polished texture and some balsam notes.”

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com
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