

2016 CULLEN WINES DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



98 pts/Top 50 Wines of 2018 – #30 “Elegance personified, no compromise likewise. Then rack up extraordinary attention to detail, and the Wilyabrup district, the greatest part of the Margaret River. Given these parameters, the fluid grace of this beautiful wine might seem almost inevitable. But, of course, it’s not – it’s the distillation of two generations.”

**James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion
2019**

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**

93 pts/Cellar Selection “A blend of 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot, this shows pretty floral and fennel tones amidst plums, raspberries, anise, ground pepper and iron. The palate is taut and laser focused, with fine sinewy tannins that beautifully support the fruit. It's still very young, though.”

**Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast
October 2019**

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

**Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com
January 4, 2018**