

# 2018 CULLEN

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT



**WINEMAKER:** Vanya Cullen  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (62%), Merlot (37%), Cabernet Franc (1%)  
**MATURATION:** 6 months in 100% French oak (25% new)  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.5% alc/vol

**QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:** The Cullen vineyard and winery is carbon neutral, biodynamically farmed and dry-grown with an 'A' grade certification from the Biological Farmers Association.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were hand harvested between the 23rd of February and the 16th of March. Primary fermentation took an average 12 days with total skin contact time about 22 days. The wine was then matured in French oak barrels (25% new) for 6 months.

**TASTING NOTES:** This outstanding, medium bodied Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot blend from the famed 2018 vintage displays densely flavored ripe dark fruits, complemented by discrete fine-grained tannins.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** Not yet reviewed.

**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.

