

2020 CULLEN

KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 6 months in new oak (50% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.9% alc/vol

A TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER: Kevin Cullen was a passionate believer in Margaret River's potential to become one of the world's great regions for Chardonnay. In order to recognize the contribution Kevin made in elevating Cullen's Chardonnay to the iconic status it holds today, Vanya named the Cullen Chardonnay after him from the 2006 vintage onwards.

WINEMAKING: The 2020 Kevin John is made from the Wente Clone planted in 1976 on Cullen Vineyard. The soil is forest grove and mostly southerly slope or level. The vines are certified biodynamic. Harvest took place by hand on fruit and flower days of the biodynamic calendar. The grapes were whole-bunch basket pressed to puncheons of which 50% were new. The natural fermentation, both primary and malolactic, took place with indigenous microflora. This wine spent 6 months in barrel and has had no fining, filtration or cold stabilization.

TASTING NOTES: In the glass, the wine is the color of straw, with green tinges, and presents an evocative bouquet of lime citrus, vanilla, orange blossom, tropical fruits and mango. On the palate, find luscious concentrated fruit - lemon, lime, orange and mango. The length and minerality of the wine is carried through with a surge of fruit density and cleansing acidity. Persistent flavors linger, showing the concentration of the 2020 harvest being hot and dry.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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, integrity, and biodynamics has positioned Cullen as one of Australia's finest estates. Vanya Cullen, the founders' daughter, chief winemaker for more than 30 years, and 2019 Winemaker of the Year, is one of the country's trailblazers not only in biodynamics but also by establishing

