

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2011 CULLEN SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

WINE MAKER:

Vanya Cullen

REGION:

Margaret River, Western Australia

VARIETALS:

Sauvignon Blanc (69%), Semillon (31%)

MATURATION:

47% of the wine matured 3 months in French barriques

ANALYSIS:

11.5% alc/vol | TA: 7.1 g/L | pH: 3.14

### QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:

Diana Cullen will always be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable and adored women. She was responsible for making the Cullen wines from 1981 until 1989 when she handed the reigns to her highly talented daughter, Vanya, Australia's Winemaker of the Year in 2000. The Cullen vineyard is organically farmed and dry-grown with an 'A' grade certification with the Biological Farmers Association.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

This blend is a magnificent advertisement for the quality of the white wines produced during the 2011 vintage. It has now become clear that the use of biodynamic practices by the Cullens is encouraging the vines in each of their vineyards to express their own individuality and fruit characteristics.

### TASTING NOTES:

The 2011 Ephraim Clarke offers an intense perfumed nose combining attractive cut grass and hazelnut aromas and clean vanillin oak. The round middle palate represents a complex amalgam of lemon, floral white flower and papaya flavors and clean background oak. The finish is very long and lingering. Already delicious, this wine will continue to develop further complexity for several years under proper cellaring conditions.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

### 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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