

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2014 CULLEN DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

<b>WINEMAKER :</b>	Vanya Cullen
<b>REGION :</b>	Margaret River, Western Australia
<b>VARIETALS :</b>	89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 3% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec
<b>MATURATION :</b>	18 months in 100% French oak (69% new)
<b>ALCOHOL :</b>	13.5% alc/vol

### BACKGROUND :

Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting the Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000.

### WINEMAKING :

Good rain during growing season with no rain at all from January to the end of harvest in March. Low yields and extraordinary compositions with low ph and good acids and flavors. A vintage with long lasting wines of larger than life character. The primary fermentation took an average 35 days. Total skin contact for all varieties averaged 49 days. The wine was then matured in French oak for 18 months with 69% being new barrels. All Cullen wines are certified biodynamic with no additions.

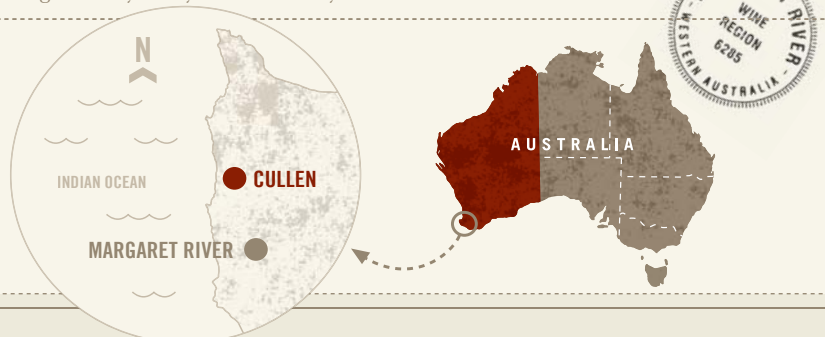
### TASTING NOTES :

The bouquet displays fantastic complexity and vitality with layers of well ripened dark fruits enhanced by gorgeous leafy notes. Structured and fruit driven, the palate presents blackcurrant fruit and lovely spicy nuances finishing with fine grained tannins. Subtle layers of complexity arise from fruit harvested at the pinnacle of ripeness. Under the right conditions this wine will cellar for at least 30 years.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 98 pts Australian Wine Companion, 95 pts Wine Enthusiast, 94 pts Vinous,

### ABOUT CULLEN :

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. Since that time, an unrelenting commitment to quality, integrity and sustainability 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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