

2017 CULLEN WINES  
KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY  
**Review Summary**



**97 pts/TOP-RATED CHARDONNAY** “Estate-grown, hand-picked, whole-bunch pressed, wild-fermented (including mlf) in barriques, amphorae and a ceramic egg, blended and matured in French oak (30% new) for 5 months. Splendidly complex, yet singular in its mouthfeel and length. Its finish is its greatest strength, on another plane.”

**James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion**  
2020

**97 pts/TOP 100 WINES OF AUSTRALIA 2019 (#15)** “This has a lemon-cream edge to the nose with white peaches and a gentle edge of grilled hazelnuts, pie crust and pastry. The palate is super fresh, lithe and juicy with a tangy core of white-peach and lemon and lime-sorbet flavor that holds the finish. So elegant yet concentrated and long.”

**Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com**  
December 3, 2019

**95 pts/Cellar Selection** “This highly lauded wine from one of Margaret River's greats is crafted for the long haul. It shows notes of oyster shell and ground white pepper, with lemon and pineapple rinds at the fore. The palate offers a beautiful texture, length and outstanding complexity. It would be a crime to drink this now when such rewards are sure to come to those who wait.”

**Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast**  
April 2020

**95 pts** “With cooler than average spring and summer temperatures, the harvest took place between 8 February and 6 March. This wine was naturally fermented (including malol) in a combination of barriques, amphorae and ceramic eggs, then aged for five months in French oak, 30% new. Notes of bay leaf, nutty kernel and floral riffs nuance the athletic white peach and pear fruit. Lively lemony acidity brings levity and line to the palate, although this is still limbering up and could score higher in time.”

**Rebecca Gibb MW, Decanter**  
October 2019



**94 pts** “The 2017 Kevin John Chardonnay features gentle notes of toast and honey overlaid on a core of fig, citrus fruit and white peaches. Medium-bodied, it's creamy in texture yet taut and crisp, with a long finish that ends on a dusty, phenolic note. It should drink well for a decade or so.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate**  
**January 2020**

**92 pts** “Precise and focused, with terrific purity and juiciness to the pear, Meyer lemon and dried pineapple flavors. Hints of butterscotch, spice and dried flowers linger on the finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator**  
**April 30, 2020**