

# 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 was by wild yeasts and took an average 12 days with total skin contact time of about 22 days. The wine was then matured in French oak barrels (25% new) for 6 months. No additions and no fining.

**TASTING NOTES:** This outstanding Bordeaux blend from the famed 2018 vintage displays densely flavored ripe dark fruits, complemented by savory nuances. The medium bodied palate features discrete fine-grained tannins, pristine natural acidity and an impressive length of flavor.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 93 pts Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 91 pts Wine Spectator

**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 Australia's first certified carbon neutral winery.

