

2016 CULLEN WINES  
DIANA MADELINE  
CABERNET SAUVIGNON  
**Review Summary**



**98 pts/Top 50 Wines of 2018 – #30** “Elegance personified, no compromise likewise. Then rack up extraordinary attention to detail, and the Wilyabrup district, the greatest part of the Margaret River. Given these parameters, the fluid grace of this beautiful wine might seem almost inevitable. But, of course, it’s not – it’s the distillation of two generations.”

**James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion  
2019**

**97 pts** “If the apocalypse were approaching and I only had time to savor one drink, then this would be a leading contender. This Margaret River benchmark is, to be blunt, downright spectacular with high-quality fruit, purity, elegance and texture and what Vanya Cullen describes as the ‘classic Cullen Vineyard Wilyabrup flavors: cassis, violets, chocolate and ironstone.’ This is a lifted, vibrant red that has soaked up mainly new French oak from barriques. A blend of 93% cabernet sauvignon, 5% merlot and 1% each of malbec and petit verdot, this is absolutely superb right now, but will cellar for decades. Impeccable balance, just 12.5% alcohol, from a certified biodynamic and carbon neutral estate.”

**Winsor Dobbin, WDWineoftheWeek.com  
May 18, 2018**

**95 pts** “Saturated ruby. A highly perfumed bouquet evokes fresh dark berries, incense and candied flowers, and a toasty oak nuance builds in the glass. Sappy and penetrating on the palate, offering vibrant bitter cherry, mocha and black currant flavors accented by a peppery note. Concentrated but lithe as well, delivering impressive finishing power on a long, floral- and spice-accented finish framed by polished tannins.”

**Josh Reynolds, Vinous  
July 15, 2021**



**93 pts/Cellar Selection** “A blend of 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 1% Malbec and 1% Petit Verdot, this shows pretty floral and fennel tones amidst plums, raspberries, anise, ground pepper and iron. The palate is taut and laser focused, with fine sinewy tannins that beautifully support the fruit. It's still very young, though.”

**Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast**  
**October 2019**

**18/20 pts** “Spicy, intense with a polished texture and some balsam notes.”

**Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com**  
**January 4, 2018**