

# 2017 CULLEN EPHRAIM CLARKE SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON



## Review Summary

**95 pts** “A 79/21% blend, wild-fermented, 45% of the sauvignon blanc matured in oak (7% new). It is the sauvignon blanc that gives the wine its richness, in turn due to the Cullen Vineyard source. Tropical fruits are the drivers, guava and lychee joined by citrus. Complex yet refreshing.”

James Halliday  
Halliday Wine Companion  
August 1, 2019

**95 pts** “A bright, fragrant blend with lemon-peel and wet gravel-like mineral notes, making a fresh and vibrant impression. The palate has grassy and attractively fresh, lemon, pear and apple flavors that hold long and elegantly into the crisp finish. From biodynamically grown grapes.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
September 25, 2020

**93 pts/EDITORS' CHOICE** “This native yeast-fermented blend, from one of Margaret River’s longest standing producers, is singing. Echoing the best from Bordeaux, it’s quiet and complex, layering notes of flint, lemon rind, white flowers and toasty, honeyed oak. There’s lovely texture, length and pristine acidity. The oak is present but integrated and should take more of a back seat with time.”

Christina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
October 19, 2020

**92 pts** “Pale yellow. Expansive, smoke-tinged aromas of pear nectar, lemon curd and melon are joined by chalky mineral, vanilla and floral notes that emerge with air. Ripe citrus and pit fruit flavors are given lift by an undercurrent of smoky minerality, and a deeper honey nuance builds on the back half. Well-concentrated and seamless in texture, finishing with sharp clarity and repeating florality.”

Josh Raynolds  
Vinous  
July 15, 2021



**91 pts** “This firm white showcases lovely savory details of lanolin and beeswax, which mingle with firm lemon curd, pear and grilled peach flavors. A note of orange blossom lingers. Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon.”

MaryAnn Worobiec  
Wine Spectator  
October 15, 2020

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