

## 2018 CULLEN WINES KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**98 pts** “Bright, medium to full yellow colour. A very complex bouquet of candlewax, beeswax, oatmeal and smoky-toasty cashew nut and roasted almond. Grapefruit and other citrus flavours in the mouth. The wine is beautifully intense and complex, restrained and refined as well as concentrated and elegant, the long-lasting finish showing great balance and harmony. An absorbing wine of great bouquet and flavour, with the full array of chardonnay complexities. The aftertaste seems never-ending.”

Huon Hooke  
The Real Review  
March 20, 2020

**98 pts/#28 TOP 100 WINES OF AUSTRALIA** “This has such a complex, pristine nose with wet stones, lemon curd and sliced and grilled peaches, as well as fresh apricots and grilled hazelnuts. It is brimming with life. The palate is so perfectly measured and smoothly fleshy with a succulent core of such juicy, rich peaches and grilled lemons. It unfolds long and graceful into the finish. Brilliant chardonnay here.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
April 28, 2020

**97 pts** “Vanya Cullen’s recognition of her father, founder of the winery. A small quantity of the very best estate chardonnay grapes wild-fermented in barrel, matured in French oak (50% new) for 6 months. Wait for 15 seconds after you have swallowed the wine to find just how intense and long the wine is, and also its elegance.”

James Halliday  
Halliday Wine Companion  
January 17, 2019

**96 pts/CELLAR SELECTION** “This vintage starts off with bright, bouncy aromas of peach, ground ginger, honey and buttered toast. The filigree palate is broad and layered, with a brightness to the acidity and a beautiful texture. The oak is there but in a supportive role. Length, concentration and class make this a modern Aussie Chard.”

Christina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
February 1, 2021



**96 pts** “Brilliant straw. Intensely perfumed, mineral-accented aromas of fresh citrus and orchard fruits, nectarine, toasted brioche and pungent flowers, along with a hint of fennel that builds with air. Shows fine delineation and depth, offering vibrant orange, Anjou pear, sweet butter and vanilla flavors that open up slowly on the back half. Densely packed yet lithe and precise, displaying strong, spicy thrust on an impressively long finish that features lingering floral, iodine and mineral flourishes.”

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

**96 pts** “Picked on fruit and flower days, with one ‘moon opposite Saturn’ (flower day) harvest, which was fermented in a concrete egg. Perfumed vanilla, cantaloupe and dried pear, with hints of blossom and orange bitters suffuse the senses. The palate is broad-shouldered - opulent even - tapering energetically to a long finish and propelled by lip-smacking ripe lime and grapefruit acidity. Pure, muscular fruit powers through to mop up the new oak (50%) with ease. Very charismatic.”

**Sarah Ahmed**  
**Decanter**  
**June 10, 2020**

**92 pts** “Creamy peach, apricot and melon flavors are supple and elegant, showing off details of white tea, cherry blossom and a touch of saline. Plump and juicy, with a hint of spice on the finish.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**Wine Spectator**  
**June 4, 2021**