

2018 CULLEN DANCING IN THE SUN SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

Review Summary



92 pts/TOP 100 BEST BUYS “This is a dry-grown blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon (with a little bit of Verdelho) from Vanya Cullen’s biodynamically farmed vineyard near the coast in Wilyabrup. There’s no oak to get in the way of this wine’s lovely fruit, the crunchy nectarine and kumquat flavors held tight, with a whisper of underlying creaminess at the liminal space between the earth and the sea.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 2020

92 pts “Medium to light straw colour - still youthful. The bouquet is driven by dried herbs, cedar and just a smidgen of snow pea, but it successfully avoids overt green aromas. Very good intensity and drive, power and length, with an extra degree of concentration over its peers. Long finish. A top example of the style. Just a smidgen of acetone at first sniff, presumably from the wild ferment. It responds well to some aeration.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
September 20, 2020

91 pts “Limpid yellow-gold. Spice-tinged orchard and pit fruits on the nose, plus floral and honey notes in the background. Silky, seamless and open-knit, offering juicy white peach, pear and Meyer lemon flavors and a touch of succulent herbs. Closes supple and long, with repeating floral and pit fruit notes.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
July 15, 2021

91 pts “Very fruit-focused with lemons and peaches, fused to grassy and herbal aromas. The palate has smooth, glossy texture and delivers plenty of citrus and stone-fruit flavors. A blend of 54% semillon, 43% sauvignon blanc and 3% verdelho. From biodynamically grown grapes.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
September 28, 2020



91 pts “Tropical fruits but not too overt, lots of green herb and saline character too, a dose of green apple and citrus. It’s pleasant and pretty in scent. Crystal clear fruit flavors to taste, a little lilt of grassiness, some tang of green apple, a slip of sweet tropical fruits. Cool and fresh, easy to drink, vital and delicious. Nice one.”

Mike Bennie
The Wine Front
November 10, 2018

89 pts “This is a delicate and approachable blend of 54% Semillon, 43% Sauvignon Blanc and 3% Verdelho from one of Australia’s biodynamic rock stars. The tree fruit, pineapple, grass and dried herbal characters tiptoe across the tongue amid a texture that is both chalky and slippery, popping with prickly acidity and begging to be sipped, as the name suggests, while making merry in the summer sunshine.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 1, 2020

88 pts “A blend of 54% Semillon, 43% Sauvignon Blanc and 3% Verdelho, the 2018 Dancing in the Sun is entirely fermented and matured in stainless steel. It’s a plump, medium-bodied wine with aromas and flavors of pear and fig, with hints of apple skin and citrus zest on a lengthy finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
January 2020

88 pts/TOP VALUE “Offers a satisfying mix of peach, pear and crisp citrus notes, set on a medium body, with details of dried flowers, toasted fennel and litsea oil. Sémillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Verdelho.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
July 31, 2020