

# 2018 CULLEN

## DANCING IN THE SUN



**WINEMAKER:** Vanya Cullen  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Semillon (54%), Sauvignon Blanc (43%), Verdelho (3%)  
**MATURATION:** Stainless Steel  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.4% 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. Grapes are the only ingredients in Cullen wines.

**VINTAGE NOTES:** A wetter than average winter followed by a warm and dry spring contributed to excellent flowering and fruit-set. Average temperatures through summer and above average rainfall allowed for canopies to continue to function well, soil moisture reserves to be kept up and berry development to remain on track. Healthy, balanced yields (average to above average) were experienced across all varieties. The moderate temperatures through late summer provided for excellent fruit composure, with great intensity of flavor.

**TASTING NOTES:** A fragrant combination of tropical notes with honeydew melon, papaya and some citrus. The palate is fruit driven with green apple, passion fruit and touches of stone fruit. Finishing dry with plenty of citrus flavor.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 91 pts Vinous, 91 pts JamesSuckling.com

**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.

