

2018 CULLEN

DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (79%), Merlot (10%), Petit Verdot (6%), Malbec (5%)
MATURATION: 15 months in 100% French oak (50% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.0% alc/vol

A TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER: Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting the Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000.

WINEMAKING: 2018 produced small yields of powerful, elegant and balanced fruit. The primary fermentation took an average 12 days. Skin contact time averaged 22 days. The wine was then matured in French oak for 15 months with 50% being new barrels. All Cullen wines are certified biodynamic with no additions.

TASTING NOTES: Delicious aroma presentation of mulberry, cherry, rose, violets, dark chocolate and ironstone. The palate displays powerful fruit intensity, an abundance of fine tannins and a deliciously long profile. Classic old vine Wilyabrup Cabernet Sauvignon from a great year.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 99 pts/#25 Top 100 JamesSuckling.com, 97 pts Vinous, 96 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts Wine Spectator

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.

