

2018 CULLEN

KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 6 months in French oak barriques (50% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.5% alc/vol

A TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER: Kevin Cullen was a passionate believer in Margaret River's potential to become one of the world's great regions for Chardonnay. He created the Cullen International Wine Tasting, now in its twenty sixth year, to provide a vehicle by which Margaret River's Chardonnays could be benchmarked against the great Chardonnays of the world. In order to recognize the contribution Kevin made in elevating Cullen's Chardonnay to the iconic status it holds today, Vanya named the Cullen Chardonnay after him from the 2006 vintage onwards.

WINEMAKING: After being harvested by hand on fruit and flower days, the whole bunches were pressed into barriques and fermented with wild yeast. The wines underwent natural malolactic fermentation and matured for 6 months in French oak gbarriques and puncheons, 50% of which were new. Biodynamic and carbon negative.

TASTING NOTES: A highly perfumed nose of white flowers, honey, orange blossom, fig, dried pear and fresh lime. The palate shows poise and balance with great mineral driven length and a symphony of delicious flavors. Truly a benchmark for Australian Chardonnay and will continue to develop for at least 20 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts JamesSuckling.com, 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

