

# 2019 CULLEN AMBER



**WINEMAKER:** Vanya Cullen  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc  
**MATURATION:** 100% for 7 months in French biodynamic barrels (63% new)  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.0% 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.

**WINEMAKING:** The 2019 release of Amber wine is a pure Sauvignon Blanc selected from their certified Biodynamic vineyard and was entirely fermented in amphora. One portion of the Sauvignon Blanc was whole bunch amphora for 3 days and the other was crushed into amphorae then left on skins for 9 days. The wine was then aged for an average of 7 months in French oak of which 63% was new. This new vintage is showing well already with a great ageing potential.

**TASTING NOTES:** Very complex already with aromas of orange blossom, bitters and lemon verbena. The wine has a long and concentrated palate with great length and persistence. Delightful notes of orange, toffee and gentle bitterness on the finish. Fantastic wine for food or any intriguing conversation.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 96 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.

