

## 2019 CULLEN WINES KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**98 pts** “As usual, the Kevin John arrives with an aura about it ... it undulates in the mouth, whipping and changing like Melbourne weather, 4 seasons in one day. It has exotic market spice, ripe orchard fruit, orange blossom, turmeric, saffron curls and saline acid. It’s extraordinarily long, incredibly exciting and with phenolic texture that elevates it beyond the excitement that it delivers. Through it all meanders a coastal breeze, keeping it light and airy; the thundering power of Gingin fruit is concealed under many folds of flavour!”

Erin Larkin  
Halliday Wine Companion  
August 12, 2021

**98 pts** “The new release of a Cullen chardonnay is a big moment and the 2019 is right on form. Winemaker Vanya Cullen’s label informs us the grapes were harvested according to the lunar phases, and aged in biodynamic oak barrels. The wine has a medium to light-straw hue and a savory, mineral aroma with notes of wheat biscuit, malt, almond-meal and lemon, the palate very intense and yet understated, with a savory dryness in its lingering aftertaste. The palate has outstanding tension, refinement and length. It’s still a little reserved, and reveals more of its complex array of aromas and flavors the more you taste it. It will live long and evolve superbly with cellaring. Outstanding!”

Huon Hooke  
The Real Review  
January 4, 2021

**96 pts** “Rare frost scythed Cullen’s typically tiny old-vine Gin Gin clone yields by 60%, resulting in phenomenal concentration. Yet there is detail through layering and white flower and bay leaf lift. Toast and butterscotch notes speak of oak (30% new) and 100% malolactic fermentation, but are subsumed by powerful ripe peach, mandarin, fig and custard apple, cut with lime acidity; a parcel was whole-bunch fermented in amphorae. Intense and lingering.”

Sarah Ahmed  
Decanter  
July 28, 2021



**95 pts** “Translucent, green-hued gold. An expansive, mineral-driven bouquet evokes fresh citrus and orchard fruits, iodine, buttered toast and chamomile. Shows impressive depth and fine definition to the vibrant tangerine, Anjou pear, sweet butter and tarragon flavors, which tighten up slowly through the back half. Powerful yet graceful in style, displaying sharp focus and mineral thrust on an impressively long, chewy finish that features lingering floral and orange pith notes.”

**Josh Reynolds**  
**Vinous**  
**July 15, 2021**