2019 CULLEN
CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (62%), Merlot (37%), Cabernet Franc (1%)
MATURATION: 5 months in 100% French oak (23% new)
ALCOHOL: 13.0% alc/vol | 5.8 g/L TA | 3.62 pH

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.

WINEMAKING: The defining weather event in the 2019 vintage report was the frost on October which caused a 60% yield reduction in our chardonnay, due to timing and chardonnay being and early variety to go through budburst. The weather conditions were relatively kind during the growing season although cooler, and harvest was short and sweet. This couldn't have been better, as rains fell heavily shortly after harvest finished at Cullen's. Very exciting quality from a low yielding year.

TASTING NOTES: Beautifully ripe bouquet of currants, plums and minerals. The palate mirrors the nose displaying densely flavored ripe dark fruits, cassis and dark chocolate. The medium bodied palate features discrete fine-grained tannins, pristine natural acidity and an impressive length of flavor.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2019 Not yet rated. 2018 vintage: 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 93 pts Wine Enthusiast, 93 pts Vinous, 93 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.

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