

2019 CULLEN WINES DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

Review Summary



98 pts/#1 of 37 2019 CABERNET BLENDS from AUSTRALIA

“Deep red color with strong purple reflections. The bouquet is fresh and youthful but surprisingly complex in its youth, revealing violet, blueberry, raspberry and any number of other berry fruit aromas, cherry and dark plum, too, with oak influences evident but discreetly tucked into the wine. It’s full-bodied and firm, the tannins perhaps a little more grippy and assertive than usual in this wine, the structure formidable and undoubtedly will endow it with long ageing prospects. Great intensity, power and drive through the palate, the finish long and super-satisfying. A very concentrated DM.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
February 12, 2021

98 pts/TOP 100 WINES OF 2021 “87% Cabernet sauvignon, with 7/3/2/1% merlot/cabernet franc/malbec/petit verdot. Matured for 15 months in barrique, 45% new. Cassis and red licorice on the nose, bay and salt bush, too. The palate is salty and fine with layers upon layers of spice and texture. The tannins are like finely textured gills, stacked as delicately as the folds in a mushroom. The length of flavour unfurls and extends across the palate, taking so long to fade that this entire tasting note is possible off one sip. The rest are just for pleasure. Drink it now, or in 40+ years from now... both will be possible.”

Erin Larkin
Halliday Wine Companion
August 12, 2021

98 pts “Vanya Cullen is the tannin whisperer. Here, the finest of fine tannins are saturated deep within the fresh dark berry and currant fruit, conferring a dryness to the palate. This lends gravitas, without detracting from the fruit purity and sheer fluid grace of delivery. Finely honed, the fruit is perfumed with roses, violets, tobacco, bitter chocolate and cedar. A pronounced graphite and gravel undertow persists through the prolonged, elegant finish.”

Sarah Ahmed
Decanter
July 28, 2021



96 pts “Cullen’s biodynamic home-block red is a deep well of terroir-driven aromas and flavors. Concentrated yet lucid, it conjures wild West Aussie bush and coastal notes. There’s eucalyptus, dusty red earth and the blossoms of local Marri trees amidst tart cherry and red currant. It’s briny, savory and spicy. The tannins are muscular but ultrafine, sappy and textural.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
May 2, 2022