

2020 CULLEN

CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT



WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (70%), Merlot (26%), Petit Verdot (2%), Malbec (1%), Cabernet Franc (1%)
MATURATION: 8 months in 100% French oak (33% 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: 2020 vintage was defined by dry conditions from the onset of budburst through to harvest in 2020. A lower than average rainfall in 2019, and hot dry weather conditions in January, February and March made for almost drought conditions for harvest 2020. Bunch numbers were about average, but low berry weights due to the dry conditions produced very low yields and wines which were balanced and pretty in nature.

TASTING NOTES: Beautifully complex bouquet of red fruits, plum, cigarbox and minerals. The palate is rich with dark chocolate and mulberry. Dense, firm tannins that powerfully travel across the front palate screaming quality cabernet pedigree, with young dense forest fruits spiralling around the mid palate crying out for food and time in the bottle.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 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.

