

## 2020 CULLEN WINES DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**98 pts** “Has the usual estate blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and malbec (92/4/3/1%), the grapes handpicked on fruit days between early February and early March, the components matured in French oak (50% new) for 13 months. The perfumed bouquet has already soaked up the new oak, the purity of the fruit in a cassis-redcurrant-blueberry spectrum. The small berries of a quasi-drought summer might have imposed awkward tannins, but the medium-bodied palate is so perfectly balanced it has a drinking span of 30 years and counting.”

James Halliday  
Halliday Wine Companion  
May 2022

**96 pts/Cellar Selection** “Diana is a wine built to last the ages. It’s expressive now, though, via layers of heady aromas like black currant, blackberry, pencil shaving, briny black olive and spice box. Dusty, fine, sandy-textured tannins cinch the fresh, plummy fruit in the mouth. A tightrope of power and poise.”

Cristina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
May 2023

**95 pts** “This is bright, layered and gently herbal cabernet-based blend with a deliciously textured array of black fruit, mint chocolate, iodine, olive stones, eucalyptus and bay leaves. Medium-bodied, with firm yet well-integrated tannins. Savory. Creamy and fine at the end. 92% cabernet sauvignon, 4% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 1% malbec. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold.”

James Suckling  
JamesSuckling.com  
October 2022

**94 pts** “The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Diana Madeline is stylish, poised and precise boasting an intense and enticing core of graphite, blackberry, and black olive aromas. Classically structured, there is immense density to the dark, cedary fruit flavor and tannins, with underlying vitality and freshness. A long, tight and sinewy finish bodes well for the future but it clearly needs time to fill out.”

Angus Hughson  
Vinous  
June 2022