

2019 CULLEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

Review Summary



96 pts Editors' Choice "The wines from this iconic, biodynamic estate always sing of their place. 2019 was a cooler-than-average vintage but one that's winning over this reviewer for the wines' aromatics and elegance. Layered and highly characterful, the nose is floral, like West Aussie wildflowers, and a bit meaty, like the pan scrapings from a roast. The fruit comes in compote form, like freshly canned rhubarb, plum and currant. There's an earthy, savory spine like beet juice, olive brine and cedar shavings. A cool eucalyptus edge adds to the vintage charm. Chiseled, sappy tannins are powerful but leave ample room for flavor. Exceptional quality at an attainable price, this drinks well now with decanter and protein at hand, or could cellar beautifully for a decade at least."

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
December 2022

95 pts "So dense and brooding, concentrated, and yet has a lightness and vigor that makes it so appealing. Black fruit, ripe raspberry, cedar and biscuit spice, dark chocolate and violets, bay leaf, with a sort of wet clay/mineral character in the mix. Tannin is firm and silty/slatey, fresh feel despite all that dark chocolate flavor, and the finish is long, with a black tea perfume trailing. Wonderful."

Gary Walsh
The Wine Front