

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 weather conditions were relatively kind during the growing season although cooler, and harvest was short and sweet. Cabernet Sauvignon was picked from 27th February to 3rd April on fruit and flower days, including a pick on March 20th, a fruit day trine and the Indian Day of Color. Merlot was harvested on 1st April, a flower day. 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: 96 pts & Top 100 Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

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.

