

2020 CULLEN

DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER:

Vanya Cullen

REGION:

Margaret River, Western Australia

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon (92%), Merlot (4%), Cabernet Franc (3%), Malbec (1%)

MATURATION:

13 months in 100% biodynamic French oak (50% new)

ALCOHOL:

13.0% alc/vol

A TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER: Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000. Vanya has transformed the family business into one of Australia's best boutique wineries and most environmentally sustainable vineyards. She's a pioneer of biodynamic grape-growing, an award-winning winemaker, and Halliday Wine Companion's "Viticulturist of the Year" 2022.

WINEMAKING: Vines were planted in 1971 on ancient gravelly granite soils producing a wine of great quality, elegance, perfume and balance. Harvested on predominately Fruit days with one harvest occurring on a Full Moon perigee with a supporting fruit trine. Skin contact time ranged from 10-29 days before being gently basket pressed to barrel. All Cullen wines are certified biodynamic with no additions.

TASTING NOTES: Cabernet Sauvignon from certified biodynamic, carbon negative fruit - this has created a natural wine with elegance, balance and power. A very complex nose with fresh notes of mulberries, rose and iron. The palate shows black fruit and earthy layers. The unctuous fruit is framed by fine-grained tannins and Wilyabrup earth, ironstone, and dust which complements the concentration of the fruit.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 96 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 95 pts JamesSuckling.com, 94 pts Vinous

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.

