

2020 CULLEN CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT



Review Summary

94 pts "70/26/2/1/1% cabernet sauvignon/merlot/petit verdot/cabernet franc/malbec, 63/37% Cullen/Mangan vineyards, harvested in 12 batches, each representing different components of the moon cycle. This is super-restrained; the length allows the delicate fruit to unfurl and unfold over the palate. Mulberry, salted blood plum, dusted cassis and bramble overlaid with salt bush, licorice, fennel flower and cigar. A gorgeous wine. Effortless."

Erin Larkin Halliday Wine Companion May 10, 2022

94 pts "Fresh, violet-like aromas with blue and red-berry tones, too. This is so pure and vibrant. The palate has very elegant shape and fluid, fine tannins that deliver red-berry, plum and blueberry flavors."

Nick Stock JamesSuckling.com September 29, 2021

94 pts "Deep ruby-red core into a vibrantly bright purple rim. Mulberry, ground coffee tobacco aromatics. Deep and brooding with dark fruits, leaf matter and black graphite minerality. There's a sense of coiled intensity, not yet revealing all of itself just yet. The tannins are big but of a fine grain and it goes so very long to the finish. Needs time and a good roasted joint of beef to make the most of the experience."

Stuart Knox The Real Review October 22, 2021

93 pts "Tart and tight, centered around sage and rosemary notes and smoky chile flavors, the biodynamically farmed wine from the far coast is rich without weight. There's a sweet, fruity guajillo pepper spice up front, and a salty, herbal note to the dark fruit, lasting on the fresh edge of parsley. Give this a year or two in the cellar for the fruit to fill out all the complex aromatics."

Joshua Greene Wine & Spirits Winter 2023