

# 2022 CULLEN WINES

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT

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WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER



**WINEMAKER:**

Vanya Cullen

**REGION:**

Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia

**VARIETALS:**

Cabernet Sauvignon (74.9%), Merlot (23%), Cabernet Franc (2%), Petit Verdot (.1%)

**MATURATION:**

7 months in oak (25% new)

**ALCOHOL:**

13.0% alc/vol

**QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:** This wine is made from 53% Mangan and 47% Cullen Estate Wilyabrup vineyards. The Cullen vineyard was planted in 1971. There is little oak influence in Cullen wines, "other than as a salt and pepper," hence this beautiful, elegantly fruited wine saw minimal oak barreling and is a pure representation of the certified biodynamic vineyards it's sourced from.

**WINEMAKING:** The 2020 vintage was defined by dry conditions from 2019 through to harvest, almost drought conditions by harvest 2020. The grapes were hand-harvested from the 8th to the 21st March, on Fruit and Flower days, as per the biodynamic calendar. Bunch numbers were about average, but low berry weights due to the dry conditions produced very low yields, and wines which were balanced and pretty in nature.

**TASTING NOTES:** Red hues in the glass with mulberry intensity and purple tinges. A bouquet of mulberry, cherry, vanillin, rose, violets and chocolate, leads to a palate featuring creamy cocoa, vanilla and cherry with a beautiful fresh finish. These beautiful fruit tones sing on the tongue, inviting another grab of the glass to experience the silky, clean, fresh, vibrant wine. Delicious!

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 92 pts Halliday Wine Companion

**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 in the 1970s, the fledgling estate caught the attention of the nation. Since then, an unrelenting commitment to quality, integrity, and biodynamics positions Cullen as one of Australia's finest estates. Vanya Cullen, the founders' daughter and chief winemaker for more than 30 years, is one of the country's trailblazers not only in biodynamics but also with Australia's first certified carbon neutral winery. She's won numerous awards, including Halliday Wine Companion's "Viticulturist of the Year" 2022, and was awarded the Order of Australia by King Charles III for her service to viticulture and oenology in 2023.

