

2022 CULLEN WINES

MANGAN RED MOON BLEND

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WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER



WINEMAKER:

Vanya Cullen

REGION:

Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia

VARIETALS:

Malbec (32%), Petit Verdot (55%), Merlot (13%)

MATURATION:

8 months in neutral French oak

ALCOHOL:

13.5% alc/vol

QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY: Cullen's Mangan Vineyard is carbon positive, biodynamically farmed and dry-grown with certification from Australian Organic Limited, as are the winery operations. The vines were planted between 1995-1997. Grapes are the only ingredients in Cullen wines.

VINTAGE NOTES: The 2022 vintage grew wines of immense perfume and texture. The cooler season and low yields ensured the health of the vines, and hence the fruit quality. This Red Moon blend was made without additions of yeast or acidity, and harvested around the Lunar calendar. A red moon occurs during a total lunar eclipse when the light filtering through the Earth's atmosphere dapples the moon in red light. The hand-harvested fruit was naturally fermented and preserved in older oak for 8 months.

TASTING NOTES: Deep purple and mulberry in the glass, with a bouquet of vibrant rose, mulberry, and black plum. On the palate, it arrives intact, unctuous and juicy, with fruits including blackberry, plum, pomegranate, and ironstone, laced with the floral tones of crushed rose petals and violets. Very perfumed, aromatic and elegant, with a long finish typical of Petit Verdot after the plush palate of Malbec.

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.

