

2020 CULLEN DANCING IN THE SUN SEMILLON SAUVIGNON BLANC

Review Summary



92 pts Best Buy “Vanya Cullen blends this from her Mangan and Cullen vineyards, working with sauvignon blanc (62%), semillon (36%), a little verdelho and chardonnay. The wine’s early richness – a savory-toasted lees character – is pointed up by a small amount of the lot aged in old oak. Smooth, smoky, firm in its undertones of button-mushroom umami, this is a joyful white that lives up to its name. Pour it with a rabbit braise, or a chicken liver terrine.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
Winter 2023

92 pts “The 2020 Dancing in The Sun is made with fruit from the Cullen and Mangan Vineyards. Verdelho is a potent variety in this blend—even additions as small as 5%, or thereabouts, contribute two things: a distinct dry grass character to the nose and a firm/coarse line of phenolics through the back palate. It also assists in allowing the wine to age more slowly. Despite the warm, plush vintage, the wine is savory, however the texture does reflect the season. It is plump and viscose, with notes of green pineapple, yellow grapefruit, juniper, saltbush, snow pea and enoki mushroom. As with all the Cullen wines, fruit concentration is never in doubt.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 11, 2022

92 pts “Sauvignon blanc, semillon and a little verdelho, this has a ripe stone-fruit and lemon-curd nose with a stream of fresh herbs, too. The palate has a fresh core of lemon, papaya and melon flavors. Smoothly finished.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 28, 2022