

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 2022 vintage grew wines of immense perfume and texture. The cooler season and low yields ensured the health of the vines and hence the resulting fruit quality is excellent. Exceptionally good for chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and of course Cabernet Sauvignon. Grapes were hand-picked between 8th and 21st March on fruit and flower days, including Moon opposite Saturn and full Moon fruit day picks.

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.

