

2022 CULLEN WINES

GRACE MADELINE SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON



WINEMAKER:

Vanya Cullen

REGION:

Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia

VARIETALS:

Sauvignon Blanc (76%), Semillon (24%)

MATURATION:

74% of Sauvignon Blanc aged 6 months in new, biodynamic oak barrels

ALCOHOL:

12.5% alc/vol

QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY: The Wilyabrup Cullen Vineyard is carbon neutral, biodynamically farmed and dry-grown with certification from Australian Organic Limited, as are the winery operations. The vines are planted on their own roots and are low yielding, harvest on mainly Fruit and one Flower Day, and provided some skin contact to give phenolic tension. A portion was fermented in concrete egg.

VINTAGE NOTES: As usual, this blend contains more Sauvignon Blanc than Semillon. 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: exceptionally good for Sauvignon Blanc, and of course Cabernet Sauvignon.

TASTING NOTES: In the glass, light straw with green tinges, providing aromas of feijoa (pineapple guava), apple, lime and citrus, and limestone. Breaks with a bright, fresh, crisp acidity, driving the mineral palate, expressing great length, texture and polish. This wine still has a while to go to fully express itself. On the finish the delicious crunch is inviting you to have another taste! Drink now - 2040.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts/Best Value Halliday Wine Companion, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast

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.

