

# 2021 CULLEN WINES

## DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER



**WINEMAKER:**

Vanya Cullen

**REGION:**

Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia

**VARIETALS:**

Cabernet Sauvignon (91%), Merlot (4%), Cabernet Franc (3%), Malbec (2%)

**MATURATION:**

15 months in 100% biodynamic French oak (50% new)

**ALCOHOL:**

13.5% alc/vol

**2021 MARKS 50 YEARS OF PLANTING:** Planted in 1971, this vintage marks the 50th year of Cabernet Sauvignon in the Wilyabrup vineyard - the culmination of dedication, effort and respect for the land - the quest for better quality wine made sustainably. The wine's namesake, Diana Madeline Cullen, would be celebrating 100 years in 2023, and is revered as an Australian wine icon. Responsible for crafting Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya in 1989, who has since garnered as much esteem with her work transforming the family business into one of Australia's best boutique wineries and most environmentally sustainable vineyards.

**WINEMAKING:** The low yields of 2021 ensured that the crop was harvested at optimal conditions and ripeness - hand harvests on the biodynamic fruit and flower days across 5 picks up to the super Moon Flower day. It was then aged in 50% new oak for a period of 15 months with barriques and puncheons and biodynamic barrels included. All Cullen wines are certified biodynamic with no additions.

**TASTING NOTES:** A natural wine with elegance, balance and power. The bouquet includes cherries, iron, dark chocolate, cedar, rose, plum. The palate shows a truly profound wine with great depth, length and concentration. Fine tannins wrap the front palate with flavors of salty plum, dark chocolate, cherry, cedar, rose and sandalwood flowing energetically to a long, juicy unctuous finish. The complexity reflects the vines.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 98 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 96+ Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 96 pts/Top 100 JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast

**ABOUT CULLEN WINES:** 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.

