



2022 CULLEN WINES KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY

Review Summary

CULLEN WINES
WILLYARRUP & MARGARET RIVER



97+ pts “The Chardonnays I have tasted so far from the 2022 vintage in Margaret River remind me of the 2014s, in their soft acidity and primal, almost unbound fruit power. Here, the 2022 Kevin John Chardonnay leads with crushed nuts, salted yellow peach, red apple skins, preserved citrus rind, yuzu, green tea and saltbush, before tumbling into the flavors in the mouth. Toffee apple, nuts, curry leaf and saffron. Concentrated, piercing and intense. The acid envelops the tongue and holds it hostage, while the fruit explodes with power. The Gingin clone is on show here. The wine trails to a soft, juicy finish. It is lingering, very good, excellent, even better after a gentle decant and served in a big Burgundy glass.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 2023

#37/TOP 100 Australian Wines of 2023 | 96 pts “Glorious aromas of buckwheat, like cold soba noodles, melding with quince, roasted nuts, tangerine and apricot. Always an incredibly intense mid-weighted expression, this iteration is gentler and more refined in a sense, due to immaculate poise and drinkability quotient. I often find this wine a bit too much. Not this vintage. Maritime freshness and a waft of unresolved CO2 carry length. Compact and filigreed. Almost breezy, intuitive of feel and effortless, in the very best sense of the word.”

Ned Goodwin MW
JamesSuckling.com
December 2023

96 pts “Even if this is a rich rendition full of white stone fruit, quince paste with pomelo dusted in ginger powder and daikon radish, it has the Kevin John thumbprint. And while all that’s all well and lovely, it’s how this feels that makes it special: a density of fruit yet succulence, fleshy and full with umami lees, this is pulsing with flavor and energy and the oak gives off a savory appearance. As always, compelling.”

Jane Faulkner
Halliday Wine Companion
August 2023