



2022 CULLEN WINES DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary

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97 pts “The 2022 Diana Madeline is a blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc and 3% Malbec that matured for 14 months in 55% new French oak. 2022 was a warm but superb vintage in Margaret River, and the reds (particularly the reds) are ripe, fleshy, succulent and svelte. This 2022 Diana Madeline leads with pomegranate and raspberry, salted licorice, bay leaf and saltbush, and it even smells svelte. Superb. In the mouth, the wine has all the black tea, graphite, coal dust, cacao and nori that we have come to love and expect from this wine. I love the way it feels in my mouth, and I love the draw of flavor across the palate. No doubt this vintage will ignite the usual “I prefer cool vintages/I prefer warm” debate; however, I am on record many times expressing my favoritism for vintages like 2018 over 2019, despite them both being equally excellent wines. You go your own way; it’s merely a matter of preference. 13.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.”

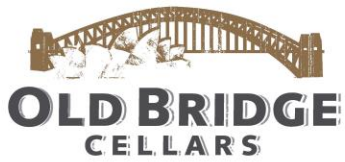
Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 2024

97 pts “An Australian icon. The nose is deeply perfumed and elegant with an underlying power, giving aromas of blackcurrants, mulberry bush, tobacco leaves, violets, blueberries and ferric earth. The full-bodied palate has seamless tannins and an incredible array of complex flavors: wild-blackberry compote, graphite, tea leaves, blood plums, dark cherries and mocha. A superb wine that will live for decades to come. Made from 89% cabernet sauvignon, 5% merlot, 3% cabernet franc and 3% malbec, farmed biodynamically. Drink or hold. Screw cap.”

Ryan Montgomery
JamesSuckling.com
November 2024

97 pts “The best wines are distinctive with a clear DNA link to place. Diana Madeline is one such wine. An excellent deep purple hue with an ever-changing array of aromas: one minute spice, mulberries and cocoa when first poured, and next full of savory notes of black olive tapenade, nori and menthol. As usual, it’s beautifully framed yet the fuller-bodied palate is plumped up by textural, expansive tannins and finishes long. Get a spot ready in the cellar, this has time on its side.”

Jane Faulkner
Halliday Wine Companion



August 2024

95 pts "This poised and energetic young 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Diana Madeline offers up a delicious blend of gravel, dried thyme and black olive aromas over a core of blackcurrant and blackberry fruit. A bone dry, sturdy palate follows, young and tightly wound, with a powerful savory bite. Excellent quality tannins are key to a long, tobacco scented finish. An exceptional vintage of this benchmark Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon."

Angus Hughson
Vinous
May 2024