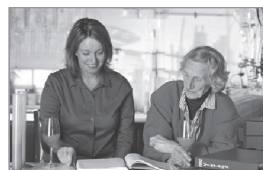


2022 CULLEN WINES

DIANA MADELINE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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WILYABRUP MARGARET RIVER



WINEMAKER:

Vanya Cullen

REGION:

Wilyabrup, Margaret River, Western Australia

VARIETALS:

Cabernet Sauvignon (89%), Merlot (5%), Cabernet Franc (3%), Malbec (3%)

MATURATION:

15 months in 50% New oak

ALCOHOL:

13.5% alc/vol

A TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER: Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable women. Responsible for crafting the Cullen wines from 1981, Di handed the reins to her daughter, Vanya, in 1989, who was also awarded Australian Wine magazine's highly-esteemed "Australian Winemaker of the Year" award in 2000.

WINEMAKING: Vintage 2022 was a low yielding vintage which resulted in some stunning grapes and hence quality wine. The growing conditions until December were cold and wet and due to the negative Indian dipole and La Niña effects finishing in December 2022 Margaret River experienced an unprecedented dry spell from December until the end of harvest. Small berry size particularly in white grape varieties produced beautifully balanced wines; Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon, Chardonnay, Cabernet and Malbec all outstanding.

TASTING NOTES: 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. 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.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 97 pts JamesSuckling.com, 96 pts Decanter, 95 pts Vinous

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.

