



## 2007 CULLEN WINES KEVIN JOHN CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**98 pts** “This wine rings up at \$75, which will give you pause, but it also out-performs most Premier Cru and Grand Cru wines from Burgundy and Chablis. It shows phenomenal focus and linear energy, and in this sense is closely akin to a great rendition of Puligny-Montrachet or Grand Cru Chablis. It isn’t as intensely mineral as those two categories, but makes up for that with compelling fruit flavors that recall snappy green apples and white nectarines, with a lemony edge that rides through the finish, which is almost unbelievably persistent. I tried the wine again a day later (after leaving it open and warm overnight), and with 10 minutes of re-chilling, it showed identically to how it tasted immediately after opening. This is one of the five best New World Chardonnays that I’ve ever tasted.”

**Michael Franz, WineReviewOnline.com**  
December 27, 2011

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### #1 WINEMAKER OF THE YEAR – Vanya Cullen

**97 pts** “This vintage marks Cullen’s earliest ever harvest and it has a compelling mix of power with restraint and edgy nerve. The nose is all lemon, lime and grapefruit citrus, really focused and cool with precision and deeply wound winemaking complexity. The palate arrives with a sense of verve and energy, really light and airy thanks to impeccable balance, yet powerful and long-flavored. The finest Cullen chardonnay to date!”

**Nick Stock**  
Penguin 2010 Good Australian Wine Guide

**97 pts - Best of the Best by Variety** “An outstanding wine; there is exceptional focus and intensity to the palate, with its mix of nectarine, white peach and grapefruit; 100% wild yeast barrel ferment has been subsumed by the fruit.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion**  
2011

**95 pts** “Whole-bunch pressed and matured in French oak barrel for 10 months, the nose is well defined with touches of Kaffir lime, elderflower, almond and some fine lees-y aromas developing with time, then evolving some lovely apricot and peach scents. The palate is medium-bodied, good acidity, very finely balanced with subtle peach, apricot and guava flavors, hints of nougat towards the finish. This Chardonnay is vibrant, tense and satisfying and even better than the ’06.”

**Neal Martin’s Wine Journal, eRobertParker.com**  
May 26, 2010



**94 pts** “Chardonnay has a home in Margaret River, particularly when it’s grown with care by Vanya Cullen. Say what you will about biodynamic wine, about harvesting on fruit days according to Maria Thun’s calendar. Knowing nothing of the farming practice or the producer, my notes for this wine read: It tastes real and it tastes like chardonnay. Firm, compact, long and mouthwatering, this balances tart fruit flavors of green apple and peach with richness rather than sweetness from time in oak. It’s an Australian chardonnay for acid heads. Go figure.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine  
February 2010**

**94 pts** “Medium straw-colored, it displays an enthralling bouquet of apple blossoms, mineral, pain grille, lemon meringue, and tropical notes. Medium-bodied, creamy, and complex on the palate with the oak totally integrated, this savory, rich, vibrant Chardonnay will evolve for several years and drink well for a decade.”

**Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate  
December 2009, Issue #186**

**92 pts** “Light, green-tinged gold. Pungent, exotically perfumed bouquet of orange, white flowers, cannabis and smoky minerals. Musky peach, pear and dried citrus aromas flavors are complicated by flowers and spicy herbs. Concentrated and precise, with a dusty impression of extract and a strong, mineral-driven finish. This was raised in 100% new French barriques but it wears its oak gracefully.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar  
July/August 2009**

**91 pts Cellar Selection** “A bit reticent on the nose, showing hints of struck flint, lime and custard, but this tightly coiled Chard shows its true brilliance in the mouth, revealing complex fruit flavors of lime and lemon, but also slightly riper notes: apple and white peach come to mind. The bright core of acids shines on the long, refreshing finish. Should age comfortably through 2015, at least.”

**Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast  
July 2010**

**90 pts** “Smooth and round, with a tart edge to the ripe pear and tropical fruit flavors, remaining generous through the long finish.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Online  
2009**

## **WORLD’S BEST CHARDONNAY – International Trophy**

**2010 Decanter World Wine Awards**