

CULLEN

MARGARET RIVER



2000 CABERNET MERLOT

Region

Margaret River, Western Australia

Varieties

Cabernet Sauvignon 65%, Merlot 21%
Malbec 5%, Petit Verdot 5%
Cabernet Franc 4%

Maturation

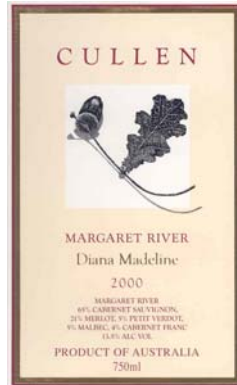
15 months in French barriques

Technical Analysis

13.5% alc/vol

Background

Diana Cullen and her, Dr. Kevin Cullen, established this 70-acre vineyard in 1971. They were the pioneers of grape growing in Margaret River, a beautiful region that lies 200 miles south of Perth in Western Australia. Diana is regarded as one of the most remarkable and adored women in the Australian wine industry. She was responsible for making the Cullen wines from 1981 until 1989 when she handed the reins to her highly talented daughter, Vanya, Australia's Winemaker of the Year in 2000.



Winemaking/Style

This wine is not as full-bodied as is usual with the Cullen flagship red wine, which reflects the conditions for vintage in 2000. This is the first time for many years that Malbec has been included in this wine style. There can be no doubt that its inclusion has increased the completeness and complexity of the wine and added some attractive slightly earthy tones.

Tasting Notes

Plum red with purple meniscus. An amalgam of blackcurrant, mulberry, violet and chocolate aromas. Attractive strong plum flavors fill out the middle. Lovely ripe, fine-grained tannins embrace the palate and make a major contribution to its structure and length.

Additional Notes:

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