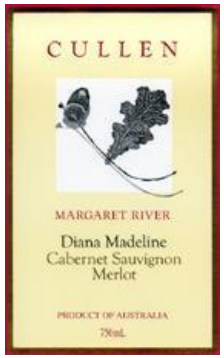
CULLEN
MARGARET RIVER

2003 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MERLOT
"Diana Madeline"

Region
Margaret River, Western Australia

Varieties
Cabernet Sauvignon
Merlot

Maturation
In new or one year old
French barriques



Technical Analysis
13% alc/vol

Background

Pioneering winemakers of Margaret River, Diana and Dr. Kevin Cullen established their 72 acre vineyard in 1971. It is now regarded as one of Australia's greatest estates with the Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot considered the country's finest. Diana will always be remembered as one of the Australian wine industry's most remarkable and adored women. 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.

The vineyard is organically farmed and dry grown and has 'A' grade certification with the Biological Farmers Association, after 3 years in conversion. Biodynamic certification is hoped for in 2004.

Tasting Notes

Color is rich mulberry red with crimson tinges. Fragrant, perfumed, complex and seductive with elegant, long and persistent, with the rich blackcurrant cassis, wild berry and cherry characters perfectly integrated with the vanillin oak. A complete and perfectly balanced palate.

Its structure, length and persistence of flavor suggest a cellaring life of at least 15 years.

Additional Notes:

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