

# CULLEN

MARGARET RIVER



## 2004 ELLEN BUSSELL RED

### Region

Margaret River, Western Australia

### Varieties

Cabernet Sauvignon (60%)

Merlot (40%)

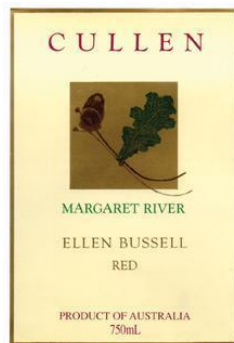
### Technical Analysis

13.5% alc/vol

### Background

The Ellen Bussell wines were developed to celebrate the life of one of Margaret River's most extraordinary pioneering women. Ellen personified the hardy, intrepid spirit that opened up the world-renown wine country where Cullen Wines is situated today.

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 Chardonnay considered one of 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.



### Winemaking/Style

The fruit for this wine came predominantly from the Ellens Ridge vineyard. This is a picturesque property with vines grown on the hills and valleys through which the Ellen Brook winds. It is made from Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot and was matured for a short time in older oak barrels. This has produced a wine that is ready to drink now or over the next 5 years. It has been bottled under a screw-cap closure.

### Tasting Notes

The color is a lovely rich red with strong crimson meniscus with attractive fresh cherry and chocolate aromas. The intense and rich black cherry flavors, which fill out the middle palate, are backed by just the right amount of tannins. Delicious current drinking, but has the depth and structure to age for at least five years. A very versatile wine that can be consumed as a café style or with mild Asian food, but has the depth of flavor to accompany a good steak

### Additional Notes:

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