

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2006 CULLEN DIANA MADELINE CABERNET MERLOT

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| <b>WINEMAKER :</b>  | Vanya Cullen  |
| <b>REGION :</b>     | Margaret River, Western Australia   |
| <b>VARIETALS :</b>  | Cabernet Sauvignon (71%), Merlot (19%), Petit Verdot (5%)<br>Cabernet Franc (3%), Malbec (2%) |
| <b>MATURATION :</b> | 15 months in 40% new French oak barriques   |
| <b>ALCOHOL :</b>    | 13% alc/vol   |

### BACKGROUND :

Diana Madeline Cullen will be remembered 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.

### VINTAGE NOTES :

The very cool conditions of the 2006 vintage prevailed throughout the summer of that year likewise resulted in very low yields of the Bordeaux grape varieties at Cullen Wines. Those conditions have led however to the production of a very refined and elegant Diana Madeline and a wine that at 13% alcohol demonstrates unequivocally that fruit intensity and depth do not require high alcohol content.

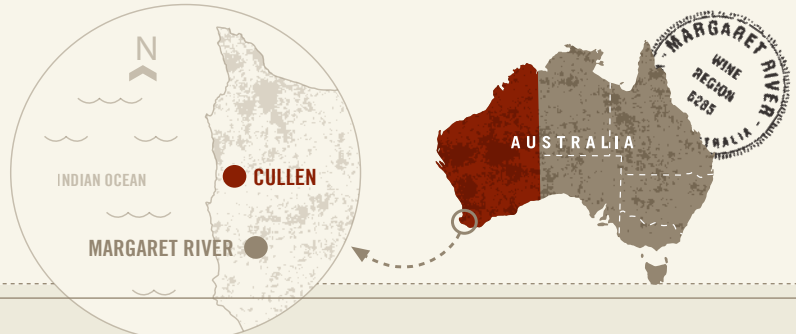
### TASTING NOTES :

The 2006 Diana Madeline is a magnificent deep, ruby red color with a dense crimson meniscus. The nose is a combination of fresh and complex chocolate and black berry fruit expressing an example of Margaret River Cabernet. Dense black berry fruits combine with lifted floral notes and fine, dusty tannins, while the exceptionally long finish reflects the quality of both producer and vintage. Diana Madeline is included in the 'Exceptional' category of Langton's Classification of Australian Wines.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 92 pts Stephen Tanzer, 2005 vintage- 96 pts James Halliday, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer, 92 pts Wine Spectator

### ABOUT CULLEN :

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. Since that time, an unrelenting commitment to quality, integrity and sustainability has positioned Cullen as one of Australia's greatest estates - and Margaret River as one of the nation's premier wine-producing regions. The mature, biodynamically-farmed vineyards produce elegant, age-worthy wines that draw worldwide critical acclaim, including what is regarded by many as the country's definitive Bordeaux blend.



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