

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2006 CULLEN 'KEVIN JOHN' CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER : Vanya Cullen
 REGION : Margaret River, Western Australia
 VARIETALS : Chardonnay
 MATURATION : 9 months in new French oak
 ALCOHOL : 14% alc./vol

TRIBUTE TO A MARGARET RIVER PIONEER :

Kevin Cullen was a passionate believer in Margaret River's potential to become one of the world's great regions for Chardonnay. He created the Cullen International Wine Tasting, now in its twenty third year, to provide a vehicle by which Margaret River's Chardonnays could be benchmarked against the great Chardonnays of the world. In order to recognize the contribution Kevin made in elevating Cullen's Chardonnay to the iconic status it holds today, Vanya has named the 2006 Cullen Chardonnay after him.

VINTAGE NOTES :

The exceptionally cool weather during the 2006 summer, with daily temperatures never exceeding 73°F, led to the latest harvest of Chardonnay ever recorded at Cullen Wines. These cool ripening conditions produced elegantly flavored fruit with great natural acidity, but also led to yields down 50% on that of a typical vintage. Combined with biodynamic farming and the exclusive use of estate-grown fruit from 30-year-old vineyards, the result is a Chardonnay of excellence and individuality, rivaling even the great 2005 vintage.

TASTING NOTES :

Golden straw with subtle green tinges. A nose of lemon blossom, papaya, roast almond and nougat nestled between layers of vanillin oak and barrel ferment aromas. The tightly structured palate delivers great depth, intensity and length with youthful melon and lime fruit flavors balanced by a fine acid backbone and beautifully integrated French oak.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 94 pts - Robert Parker, 93 pts - Wine Spectator, 92(+?) pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

ABOUT CULLEN :

A founding winery of Margaret River, Cullen was established in 1971 by pioneering winemakers Kevin and Diana Cullen. In redefining the style of Australian Cabernet Sauvignon produced in the 1970s, the fledgling estate caught the attention of the nation. Since then, an unrelenting commitment to quality and site expression 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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