

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2006 CULLEN MANGAN

WINEMAKER :	Vanya Cullen
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	Merlot (50%), Petit Verdot (36%), Malbec (14%)
MATURATION :	9 months in French oak
ALCOHOL :	14% alc./vol

QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:

Cullen is regarded as one of Australia's greatest estates with the Chardonnay considered one of the country's finest. Diana Cullen 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 reigns to her highly talented daughter, Vanya, Australia's Winemaker of the Year in 2000. The Cullen vineyard is organically farmed and dry-grown with an 'A' grade certification with the Biological Farmers Association after 3 years in conversion.

VINTAGE NOTES:

2006 was the coolest vintage since 1982. Phenological and physiological ripeness were achieved in the reds with lower sugar levels, giving the wines lower alcohol. Overall, the 2006 vintage showcases some of the most individual wines Cullen has made, reflecting the vintage and place perfectly.

TASTING NOTES:

Malbec, Petit Verdot and Merlot are varieties that are well suited to grow in Margaret River. When blended, they form a divine trinity. The Malbec provides power and color, the Petit Verdot the length and texture and the Merlot, the structure. The 2006 Mangan is perfumed with rich plum aromas. The seductive plum and cherry flavors that fill out the middle plate are well integrated with camomile tea characters and wonderfully soft tannins. This wine benefited from being matured for nine months in high quality French oak and can be cellared up to 15 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts - James Halliday's Wine Companion, 90 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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