

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



## 2007 CULLEN 'KEVIN JOHN' CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER : Vanya Cullen  
 REGION : Margaret River, Western Australia  
 VARIETALS : Chardonnay  
 MATURATION : 10 months in 100% new Sirugue French oak  
 ALCOHOL : 13.4% 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 fourth 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 named the Cullen Chardonnay after him from the 2006 vintage onwards.

### VINTAGE NOTES :

The 2007 vintage was the earliest start ever recorded at Cullen Wines. While temperatures during spring of 2006 were 2.5° C above average, the daytime temperatures never became excessive. Light rainfall at the peak of the growing season was accompanied by lightning, which gave the vines a highly beneficial shower of natural liquid nitrogen fertiliser at just the right moment, boosting their growth. The period immediately leading up to vintage was blessed by moderate temperatures and very few hot days, ideal for Chardonnay.

### TASTING NOTES :

The nose offers lime juice, elderflower and apricot aromas, with just the right touch of background vanillin oak. The bouquet becomes increasingly Burgundian the longer this wine remains in the glass. The palate is elegant, pure and intense. Delicious lime fruits are backed by attractive barrel ferment oak flavours. The finish is crisp and lingering.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 94 pts Robert Parker, 94 pts Wine & Spirits, 92 pts Stephen Tanzer, 91 pts/Cellar Selection - Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Wine Spectator Online

### 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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