

CULLEN



MARGARET RIVER



2008 CULLEN EPHRAIM CLARKE SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

WINEMAKER: Vanya Cullen
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc (81%), Semillon (19%)
MATURATION: 27% of the wine matured 4 months in French barriques
ALCOHOL: 13% alc./vol

QUALITY, INTEGRITY, SUSTAINABILITY:

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 reins 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:

The quality of this wine is evidence that 2008 was a great vintage for Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon in Margaret River. It has now become clear that the use of biodynamic practices by the Cullens is encouraging the vines in each of their vineyards to express their own individuality and fruit characteristics.

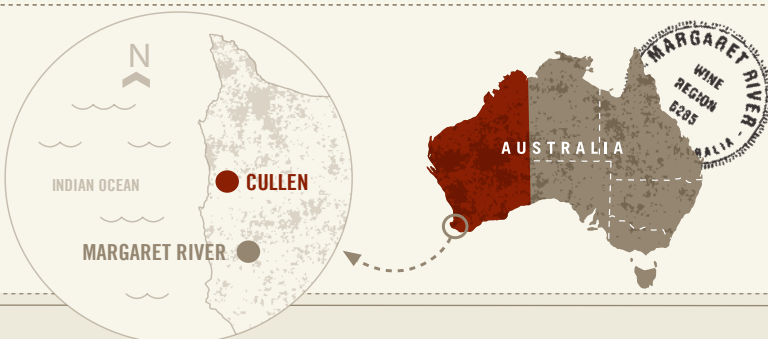
TASTING NOTES:

On the nose, the 2008 Ephraim Clarke is an powerful amalgam of honeysuckle and lime aromas with a touch of grassiness and vanillin oak. The palate is rich and elegant, with the attractive musk, pear, mineral and lime flavors which perfectly complement a touch of gunflint and oak. The lifted fruit characteristics in the middle palate lead into a long and lingering acid finish. This wine is perfectly integrated and will continue to gain complexity for another 10 years.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2008 vintage- not yet rated, 2007 vintage- **94 pts** - James Halliday's 2008 Wine Companion, **91 pts** - Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **90 pts** - Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

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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