



Cullen,

`Mangan East Block` Margaret River Malbec/Petit Verdot 2022

Margaret River, Western Australia, Australia



PRODUCER

Cullen is one of the oldest and most awarded family wineries in Western Australia's famous Margaret River region. Certified biodynamic, carbon neutral and naturally powered, their philosophy is best summed up in three simple words: 'Quality, Integrity and Sustainability'. First established in Wilyabrup in 1971 by Dr Kevin and Diana Cullen and now run by their daughter Vanya, the winery has built an outstanding reputation for fine, certified biodynamic wines that receive critical acclaim both in Australia and internationally. In 2019, celebrating 30 years at the helm, Vanya received double Winemaker of the Year honours at both the Australian Women in Wine Awards and the Halliday Wine Companion Awards. In 2023, Vanya was awarded the Order of Australia (OAM) for her services to viticulture and wine. Her unwavering dedication to biodynamic viticulture has inspired many like-minded winemakers across the world.

VINEYARDS

The Mangan vineyard is located adjacent to the Cullen vineyard in Wilyabrup. On the 'East Block' section of the vineyard, the Malbec is deeply rooted and has Scott Henry trellising, giving better exposure and better quality fruit. The Petit Verdot component is planted on forest grove which is gravelly soil and produces low yields and intense fruit.

VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage grew wines of immense perfume and texture. A very cool spring saw delayed vine growth. Summer was dry and warm, with sustained heat during the days and nights, possibly influenced by another La Nina season.

The cooler season and low yields ensured the health of the vines and hence the fruit quality, particularly for reds.

VINIFICATION

The grapes were hand harvested, and once at the winery, the fruit was destemmed and macerated on skins for 28 days. Subsequently, the juice was pressed and transferred to 50% new biodynamic oak barrels, where it aged for seven months prior to bottling. There was minimal intervention during the vinification process, in order to accentuate the key varietal character of the fruit.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep mulberry in colour and the nose displays intense aromas of blackberry, tar, rose and plum. The palate is full of berry fruits combined with nuances of chocolate, dried plums, rose, saffron and thyme. A medium-bodied wine with fresh tannins and a luxurious finish.

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| Grape Varieties | 93% Malbec 7% Petit Verdot |
| Winemaker | Vanya Cullen, Andy Barrett-Lennard |
| Closure | Screwcap |
| ABV | 13.9% |
| Residual Sugar | 0.5g/L |
| Acidity | 6.5g/L |
| Wine pH | 3.52 |
| Bottle Sizes | 75cl |
| Notes | Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan |