



Cullen,  
`Amber` Wilyabrup Semillon/Sauvignon Blanc 2023  
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 soils at Cullen are old granite and gravelly sandy loam, overlaying lateritic subsoils. The vines were planted from 1976-1978, and are grown on Scott Henry and Lyre trellising systems, allowing for healthy fruit to grow on vigorous vines with dense canopies. A small portion of this wine has come from younger Sauvignon Blanc vines, planted in 1988, contributing to the strength of character in the fruit profile.

### VINTAGE

The low-yielding 2023 vintage produced wines of striking quality, flavour concentration and elegance. Winter temperatures were lower than average and while rainfall levels followed a similar trend, the vineyards received sufficient supply to replenish soil moisture levels. January brought warm, sunny days and February remained dry with no extreme heat, which provided perfect ripening conditions.

### VINIFICATION

The idea behind this wine is to make a white wine like a red wine. The hand-picked fruit was crushed both to amphora and open fermenters with short skin contact time to pick up vitality and tannins from the skins. The wine was then matured in new oak before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep gold in colour, with aromas of orange blossom, negroni-like bitters, mint and thyme. The palate has a tightly wound structure of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon tannins spreading the fruit out to the back of the palate, with crisp natural acidity.

Grape Varieties	<b>59% Sauvignon Blanc</b> <b>41% Semillon</b>
Winemaker	<b>Vanya Cullen</b>
Closure	<b>Screwcap</b>
ABV	<b>12.5%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.44g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.5g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.32</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Certified Biodynamic, Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>