

DIANA MADELINE



MARGARET RIVER

CULLEN WINES

RED TABLE WINE

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2022

'DIANA MADELINE'

Cabernet Sauvignon | Margaret River - Australia



BIODYNAMIC



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Stats

Grapes: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon -
5% Merlot - 3% Cabernet Franc - 3%
Malbec

Vineyard: Cullen Wines (Wilyabrup)

Vine Age: 41-55-year-old

Soil Type: Gravelly loam

Viticulture: Certified biodynamic -
certified organic - dry-farmed

Fermentation: Native — Mostly
stainless-steel with one small batch
in amphora

Skin Contact: 30 days

Aging: 14 months in oak barriques
(55% new)

Alcohol: 13.5%

pH: 3.68

Total Acidity: 5.3 g/L

Total SO₂: 100 ppm

Total Production: 2,025 cases

About

Diana Madeline is the culmination of over 50 years of dedication, effort and respect for the land by the Cullen family. This wine has long stood as a benchmark for Margaret River Cab. In the words of Wine Advocate writer Erin Larkin, "It's the perfect example of great Australian Cabernet: power without weight." Vintage 2022 was perfect for elegant Cabernet Sauvignon, with warm conditions early on, helping the reds to ripen earlier than usual. The fruit is all from the Cullen estate, with plantings in the following years: Cabernet Sauvignon in 1971, Merlot and Cabernet Franc in 1976, and Malbec in 1978.

The fruit was hand harvested over five biodynamic calendar days, from March 12-16, including three flower days and culminating on a full Moon fruit day when Venus and Saturn were in conjunction. It was de-stemmed and fermented with native yeast in stainless steel. After about 30 days, the skins were pressed and the wine went into oak barrels (55% new) for 14 months of aging. It was blended in tank and bottled with a light fining, filtering, and dosage of sulfur.

Tasting Notes

Juicy rich structure. Rich chocolate, mulberry, and cherry with beautiful fine grained tannins supporting ethereal fruit. The unctuous texture and complexity will last for at least 50 years.

Reviews

Wine Advocate | 97 points

James Suckling | 97 points