



2016 Cullen Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc Semillon

As usual, this blend contains a greater volume of Sauvignon Blanc than Semillon, which reflects the outstanding qualities of the fruit produced by the former variety on the Cullen Vineyard. We picked at optimal ripeness with harvest conditions quite similar to 2015 resulting in elegant wines and displaying beautiful fruit purity. Complexity and completeness have been enhanced through maturing some of the wine in new oak.

Vintage Notes: We were happy to have the 2016 harvest. It followed three vintages of tiny yields which left us with very little wine to sell!

The vintage had average yields and the rain that fell in January 80mm, and then February 15mm, and March 10 mm, had no effect at all on the fruit quality. The resultant wines have a wonderful aromatic quality and elegance, particularly in Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc. Great vintage for Chardonnay, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and in the reds Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker Notes: Vineyard: 100% Cullen Vineyard

Varieties: 79% Sauvignon Blanc, 21% Semillon

Oak: 45% of the Sauvignon for 3 months in French oak which 7% is new

Alcohol: 12.5%

Tasting Notes: Cellar: Enjoy now or for up to 15 years Bouquet: Delightful combination of fresh cut grass, spicy and vanilla oak aromas supported by tropical notes Palate: Vibrant fruit lifted by citrus nuances. Very complex already with lovely stone fruit nuances and toasty characteristics. Barrel fermentation is seamless and playing second role.

A brilliant example of this classic blend

Reviews: Author: Ray Jordan Publication: The West Australian Date: 4th April 2020 This beautifully presented wine has been made with minimal intervention. No added acid and little fining with all-natural yeast fermentation, and three months in French oak. Nutty citrus aromas and flavours with a fine delicate palate that pushes effortlessly to a long, precise finish. 94/100

(Best drinking: Now to 2033)