Cullen

A biodynamic white from Cullen, Dancing in the Sun brings a lively mix of Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, and Verdelho with a refreshing acidity and bright citrus.

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Dancing in the Sun 2023

Margaret River, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Margaret River** region in Western Australia, especially the **Wilyabrup** area, provides ideal conditions for aromatic whites, thanks to its maritime climate and well-draining soils. Cullen's vineyard is **biodynamically farmed and certified carbon-neutral**, with a commitment to preserving the ecosystem. The region's warm, dry spring allowed for excellent flowering and fruit-set, while moderate temperatures in late summer preserved acidity and flavor concentration in the fruit.

Winemaking

This vintage was crafted from **54% Semillon, 43% Sauvignon Blanc, and 3% Verdelho**. To preserve freshness, the wine was fermented and matured in **stainless steel**. A moderate growing season led to vibrant fruit character, balanced by biodynamic farming techniques that promote natural vine health. The winemaking process highlights the fruit's natural expression, allowing each varietal's character to shine.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale straw with green hues.
- **Aroma:** A fragrant bouquet of **tropical fruit** like papaya and honeydew melon, mixed with refreshing citrus.
- **Palate:** Fruit-driven, featuring **green apple, passion fruit, and hints of stone fruit**, finishing dry with a crisp citrus note that lingers.

Did you know?

Dancing in the Sun represents Cullen's ethos of using **only grapes** as ingredients in their wines, reflecting their commitment to purity, sustainability, and biodynamic practices.

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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Fish Tacos with Lime:** The wine's citrus notes enhance the fresh lime zest on fish tacos.
- **Spring Salad with Feta and Herbs:** Complements the herbaceous quality of the Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc.
- **Thai Green Curry with Prawns:** Matches well with the wine's tropical flavors, balancing the heat and flavors of the curry.
- **Soft Goat Cheese:** The wine's acidity and tropical profile contrast beautifully with the creaminess of goat cheese.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2020)

The 2020 Dancing in The Sun is made with fruit from the Cullen and Mangan Vineyards. Verdelho is a potent variety in this blend—even additions as small as 5%, or thereabouts, contribute two things: a distinct dry grass character to the nose and a firm/coarse line of phenolics through the back palate. It also assists in allowing the wine to age more slowly. Despite the warm, plush vintage, the wine is savory, however the texture does reflect the season. It is plump and viscose, with notes of green pineapple, yellow grapefruit, juniper, saltbush, snow pea and enoki mushroom. As with all the Cullen wines, fruit concentration is never in doubt.