



## 2002 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**94 pts** “Saturated ruby color. Flat-out gorgeous aromas of bitter cherry, cassis, graphite, cedar, Cuban tobacco, dark chocolate and dried flowers. On the palate, juicy dark and red fruit flavors play off musky, almost decadent underbrush and tobacco, with precise but understated Asian spice notes adding even more complexity. This boasts remarkable balance and compelling intricacy of fruit, spice and earth qualities on the long, suave finish, picking up notes of violet and fresh rose on the back. For the money, this is a no-brainer in outstanding, ageworthy cabernet.”

**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
Jul/Aug 2006

**92 pts** “The hue is good, though not deep; basically in the mainstream of Leeuwin cabernet style, good length and balance to the savory black fruits, oak a positive contributor.”

**James Halliday**  
2008 Wine Companion

**92 pts** “Perhaps better known for its Chardonnay, Leeuwin also makes an Art Series Cabernet than takes a back seat to no one. The 2002 boasts youthful scents of fresh mint and cassis, then slowly unfolds on the palate to reveal a rich, full-bodied wine with a distinctly ripe, creamy texture. Long and powerful on the finish, with 10 or so years ahead of it.”

**Wine Enthusiast**  
February 2008

**90pts** “This is supple, delivering pretty red cherry and thyme flavors, with a tinge of smoke, against the fuzz of fine-grained tannins. Strikes a winning balance as it all lingers on the harmonious finish.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator “Great Australian Reds”**  
October 15, 2008

“Leeuwin Estate, best known for its iconic Art Series Chardonnay (a rich, intense wine), also produces very good cabernet. The 2002 Leeuwin Estate Cabernet Sauvignon offers ripe flavors of black cherry and black currant with a hint of anise, fine, ripe tannins and a long finish.”

**Laurie Daniel, Mercury News**  
September 2008