



2004 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE CABERNET MERLOT

Review Summary



92 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “The bouquet offers red and black fruits, also exhibiting an alluring floral element; quite firm on entry, the tannins are fully ripe and very fine; the finish has good fruit to offset the savory intensity.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2010

91 pts “With the 2004 vintage, Leeuwin Estate are back on song with their Bordeaux blends. Pretty smelling wine - red fruits, touch of wet cement, ash, gum leaf and some aniseed perfume. Medium bodied with ripe fruit but no excess. The balance and length both excellent. Fine tannins and clean acid make this both shapely and fresh. There’s some savory herbal and tobacco flavours too. It has an appealing sense of energy (although Mattinson says this is a wanky term, so naturally I often like to use it). Good stuff - and you can drink a few glasses without getting tired.”

Gary Walsh
Winefront Monthly
Aug 14, 2009

90+ pts “Deep red. Refreshing, mineral-dominated nose evokes redcurrant, wild strawberry and cherry, with a subtle incense quality adding complexity. Spicy and precise, offering sweet red fruit preserve flavors and soft tannins. A firm graphite quality gains strength on the sappy finish, which repeats the spicy quality. Seems a bit unresolved today, with mostly primary character and good finishing cut. Give this some air if you plan on opening a bottle anytime soon.”

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Jul/Aug 2008

88 pts “Has a sense of refinement and distinctive flavors, with hints of rosemary and pomegranate against a nice mouthful of red fruit character, finishing with lightly gritty tannins. Best from 2009 through 2013. 500 cases imported.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator, Great Australian Reds
October 15, 2008



88 pts “Dark and taut, this is layered with lots of herbs, cedar and smoke backed by blackberry and cherry fruit. The racy palate is framed by branchy tannins and cassis flavors that linger on the medium finish. “

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2009

88 pts “There's a vegetal side to this tart, firm wine, with anise, mint and leather eventually yielding to red- and black currant flavors as the vinosity comes up with air. If you like herbal styles of cabernet, try this with Provençal lamb.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 2009

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