



2005 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

Review Summary



91 pts “Ruby-red. Minerals, red berries, tobacco and dried flowers on the tightly wound nose. Then surprisingly open in the mouth, with palate-coating flavors of sweet raspberry, blackberry and cola enlivened by tangy minerality. Smells like an Old World wine but tastes utterly New World, with velvety tannins adding gentle grip to the long, sappy finish. Plenty forward, but I’ll bet that this will gain complexity with some patience.”

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

91 pts “While Leeuwin Estate’s red wines remain a step behind the whites, the 2005 Art Series Shiraz is first-class. Purple-colored, it exhibits an expressive nose of cedar, spice box, leather, black cherry, and plum. Medium-bodied, smooth-textured, and ripe, it has excellent grip and depth, come early complexity, and solid length.”

Robert Parker, eRobertParker.com
February 2009

90 pts “Smooth, generous and appealing for its beautifully focused flavors of wild blueberry and wild cherry, with a surprising hint of tangy lime as the finish sails on effortlessly. “

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

90 pts “This rather full-bodied offering from Leeuwin features some striking blueberry fruit, accompanied by notes of toast, vanilla and cedar. The result is a pleasant yin-yang of fruit and oak that likely just needs some time to develop more complexity.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
August 2009

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“Leeuwin has made great strides since reintroducing shiraz a few years ago. This is an excellent example of this southern Margaret River style with its brambly, spicy plum aromas and elegant effortless palate structure.”

Ray Jordan, The West Australian
May 31, 2008

“The 2005 Leeuwin Estate Art Series Shiraz, which is bright and smoky, with flavors of black raspberry, roasted coffee, mint and white pepper.”

Laurie Daniel, Mercury News
September 2008