

2006 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

Review Summary



94 pts – 100 Best Wines of 2009 “This has the gamey edges that syrah often develops in the Northern Rhône, adding layers of complexity to the dark red and purple fruit. It's bright with huckleberry flavor, clean and polished without buffing away the funk. There's freshness and drive to the wine that will keep it going for years in the cellar, though it's delicious now with duck breast, seared rare.”

Wine and Spirits Magazine
October 2009

92 pts “Bright ruby. Exotically perfumed bouquet of spicy red berries, cherry-cola, incense and violet oil. Cinnamon-accented raspberry and blackberry flavors are framed by silky tannins and pick up a suave mineral quality with air. Pure, juicy and focused, with excellent finishing clarity and persistence. This wine's balance and precision are pretty impressive.”

Josh Reynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009

92 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “Highly perfumed cherry fruit and spice bouquet; medium bodied with gravelly tannin and acidity; cool and savory on the finish.”

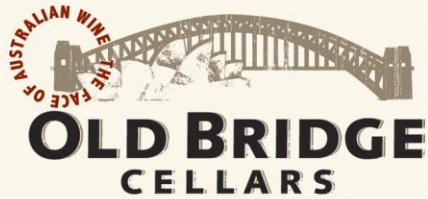
James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion
2010

90 pts “Purple-colored, it offers up a nose of spice box, toast, coffee/mocha, meat, and blueberry. Ripe, sweet, concentrated, and balanced, this lengthy effort will offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2018.”

Jay Miller
Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186

90 pts “The 2006 Leeuwin Estate Art Series Shiraz offers up exotic, perfumed aromatics of spice, cherry and raspberry fruit, cedar, pepper, flowers and potpourri. There's a solid dose of oak showing and the wine benefits from a decant. The palate is medium to full bodied with bright, juicy fruit, vibrant acidity and a light, edgy texture that carries into the finish. I like the purity as well as the energy on the palate. Still young, this should drink well over the next 8 to 10 years.”

Jebb Dunnuck
Jebb Dunnuck's The Rhone Report
June 2010



89 pts “The 2006 Art Series Shiraz isn’t a powerful, intensely concentrated wine, but a pretty, elegant rendition of Shiraz. Cherry and cracked pepper aromas and flavors dominate, framed by soft, silky tannins. It makes for an easy drink with standout varietal character to be consumed over the next 5-6 years.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2010

89 pts “Firm and very spicy, with cinnamon and saffras notes weaving through the red berry flavors. Remains vibrant and taut through the refined finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
October 15, 2009

