



2007 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 20 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.3% alc/vol. | TA: 7.0 g/L | pH: 3.45

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter 2006 was mild, with lower than average rainfall resulting in early bud burst. A warm and sunny spring produced excellent conditions for flowering and fruit set, with bunches generally smaller and fewer in number as a result of poor initiation the previous year. The beginning of summer was warm with little rainfall, and continuing mild to warm weather saw red varieties harvested several weeks earlier than usual with excellent flavor development.

BACKGROUND:

A Margaret River powerhouse, the Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon is made in a long lived style due to its ample fruit and sturdy frame. Often described as “Bordeaux like,” the core of the fruit comes from 25+-year-old vines grown in well-draining gravel/granite derived soils. The Art Series range is identified with paintings commissioned from leading contemporary Australian artists.

TASTING NOTES:

The bouquet is vibrant with a concentrated fruit profile of abundant blackcurrant, dark cherries and mulberry. Lifted savory and earthy aromatics provide elegant layers to a highly expressive and complex nose. On the palate, a dark fruit core of blackcurrant and forest fruits lead into more savory spices of dried sage, cassia bark, and tobacco. All components arrive to a finish, which is featured by slightly chalky cocoa powder-like tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT LEEUWIN ESTATE:

After an extensive search in 1972 for the most suitable premium viticultural area in Australia, Robert Mondavi singled out the future site of Leeuwin Estate. Thrust into the international spotlight when their 1980 Art Series was awarded Decanter’s highest recommendation, the Estate has since performed with stellar consistency, the Horgan family defending their position as one of Australia’s leading wineries.



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