



2008 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 21 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol. | TA: 6.98 g/L | pH: 3.34

VINTAGE NOTES:

Excellent winter and early spring rains recharged the soil profile for the dry summer season ahead. Late spring was generally mild and sunny, although a short blast of wild wind, rain and hail in October damaged some of the young shoots. Flowering dates for all varieties were about average, conditions were generally fine and mild. Summer was fine, warm and sunny with few hot days. Warm, clear days with cooling afternoon sea breezes continued into March, great conditions for finishing Cabernet Sauvignon.

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 a marriage of classical Cabernet characters of cherries and blackcurrants. Bay leaf, dried sage, anise and roasted coffee bean aromas add depth on the nose. A gentle entry leads to a generously textured mid palate, finishing fine, with long and silky tannins. Classical blackcurrant and cherry fruits meet with dusty well integrated oak. Subtleties of cloves, anise and cumin seed are also woven throughout the palate.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, 92 pts Wine & Spirits

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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