



## 2008 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**95 pts** “No Cabernet in Margaret River has been more dramatically transformed over the past decade than this. Once a style of clunky oak, assertive tannins and haphazard ripeness, a complete makeover in the vineyards has produced more even ripeness and permitted earlier harvesting to capture the hallmarks of the variety, elevating this wine to its rightful position alongside the estate’s famous Art Series Chardonnay. Leeuwin’s Art Series philosophy is to represent its finest, most ageworthy wines, and its Cabernet now confidently meets this brief.”

**Decanter**  
**November 2012**

**95 pts** “Vivid deep crimson; restrained and understated, the bouquet offers a tantalizing glimpse of red and black fruits, cigar box and a little briary complexity; the palate is finely detailed, and while elegant, contains its inherent power and longevity with ease.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion**  
**2013**

**92 pts** “The medium garnet colored 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Art Series shows evolving notes of dried mulberries, potpourri, exotic spices and cloves. With good concentration and superb persistence on the palate, this is a wonderfully structured, earthier styled Cabernet with great cellaring potential yet.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate**  
**March 2016**

**92 pts** “This cabernet grows within four miles of the Indian Ocean, where the ancient granitic soils have weathered into well-drained gravels. There may be no karri forests in Bordeaux, but the proximity to the sea and the gravelly soils find some interesting parallels for cabernet, which develops here into a plump red with cool scents of the neighboring forest. The flavors range from blackberry to caraway and the gaminess of partridge, with which it would likely match well as it ages.”

**Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2012**



**92 pts** “Bright ruby-red. Lively and precise on the nose, displaying scents of red- and blackcurrant, cherry, tobacco and rose. Juicy and tightly focused, with very good depth and energy to its red fruit and spicecake flavors. Shows a refreshingly bitter quality on the finish, along with suave floral and red fruit preserve notes.”

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar**  
**July/August 2012**

**91+ pts** “Medium to deep garnet colored, the 2008 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon is scented of creme de cassis, mulberries, pencil lead and cloves over nuances of sandalwood and cinnamon stick. Medium-bodied with crisp acid and a medium level of very finely grained tannins, it fills the mouth with evolved berry and savory / earthy flavors, finishing long and layered.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com**  
**August 2012**

**90 pts** “A welcome mineral note weaves through the cherry and spice flavors in this smooth, broad red, lingering effectively on the generous finish. Best from 2014 through 2018.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator**  
**May 31, 2012**