



2013 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (96%), Malbec (4%)
MATURATION: 23 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol. | TA: 6.84 g/L | pH: 3.35

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter was characterized by south westerly fronts sweeping showery rain into Margaret River from the Indian Ocean. In early spring the usual showery days were followed by long fine breaks, good conditions for vine growth. Summer was warmer than average, and the weather cooled in late March allowing more hang time for the red varieties. This produced grapes with a balance of flavor and tannin ripeness. Harvest of the reds occurred over three weeks, individual parcels of fruit were taken to winery when perfect.

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 compared to top Bordeaux, the core of the fruit comes from 30+-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:

A dark and dense nose of blue and blackberries dominate the nose, complemented by a lifted and fragrant aromatic profile. Perfumed violets amongst black cardamom, olive, anise, cloves and bay leaf provide subtle and classical layers. The palate has concentration, depth and poise set with a blackberry, cherry and mulberry fruit spectrum. Layers and contours unfold into cassia, cocoa and coffee beans through the mid palate. There is vibrancy and seamless structure given a finely laced acid line and gravelly tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

96 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 pts Wine Spectator

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.

