



2004 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



95 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “An incredibly fresh and vibrant bouquet of red fruit, intermingled with cassis, oak and a little fresh herb edge; the palate is very fleshy on entry, and tightens up on the long, ample and lively finish; good fruit sweetness, and the structure suggests a long and healthy life ahead.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion
2010**

95 pts “This is the quintessential Margaret River intermingling of delicate herbal flavors—a touch of tobacco in the nose—with ripe, sweet black fruit. A long finish, fine tannins and impeccable balance round it out beautifully.”

**Michael Franz, www.winereviewonline.com
March 14, 2006**

94 pts “Ruby-red color. Opaque ruby. Deep cassis and boysenberry aromas are brightened by zesty minerals and complicated by cured tobacco, licorice and baking spices. Sappy dark berry flavors are firmed by youthful tannins and pick up bitter chocolate and licorice with air. A powerful rendition of this wine, but there's no excess weight. Shows a more tangy red fruit character on the extremely long, juicy finish.

**Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
Jul/Aug 2008**

94 pts “This is the best Leeuwin cabernet released to date. The good thing is that results of a rejuvenation of this variety that started several years ago will continue to be seen. A powerful, linear wine of structure and style with ripe, pure cabernet fruit displaying lovely blackcurrant and subtle leafiness.”

**Ray Jordan, The West Australian
Ray Jordan’s WA Wine Guide 2009**

94 pts “It’s a fresh and dynamic wine, and one that’s only just peeping over medium bodied really. The fruit flavors fully ripe, tasting of red and blackcurrants mainly, with classy cedar oak supporting but not dominating and regional gum leaf and gravel in the mix adding complexity. A stately, classic and well structured Cabernet (clean strong acid and fine dry tannins a feature) with good length. Really like the sort of “licorice bullet” aftertaste too. I suspect this will be really good as a mature wine.”

**Gary Walsh, The Wine Front
July 2009**



91 pts “The Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 100% estate grown fruit – older vines, original plantings. The 2004 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep garnet color and intense aromas of crushed black currant and dried Mediterranean herbs, plus tree moss and peppercorns. Medium bodied with very fine grained tannins and crisp acidity, the flavors are concentrated and well balanced giving a long finish. Drink it now to 2020+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
October 2010

90 pts

Wine Enthusiast Online
July 1, 2009

90 pts “An elegant wine, this shows full maturity when first poured, with baked plum flavors and leathery notes. Fresher berry flavors develop with air, filling out the alcohol and giving the wine a sleek length. For roast leg of lamb.”

Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009

89+ pts “The ’04 includes 5% Malbec in the blend and it has a fine crunchy cranberry, raspberry, autumn leaf nose with good definition – redolent of a decent Bordeaux Cru Bourgeois in many ways. The palate is tannic, slightly muffled with cranberry, raspberry and boysenberry with a touch of spice towards the finish. It just lacks a little sophistication when compared directly against the ’05, but is still a commendable Cabernet that may deserve more praise in a couple of years.”

Neal Martin’s Wine Journal, www.erobertparker.com
May 31, 2010

88 pts “Polished, focused and generous with its dark berry and green pepper flavors, whistling through a juicy, deftly balanced finish.”

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator Online 2009

★★★★★ “Very youthful. Aromas of fragrant herbs, red and dark fruits. Deep, super-ripe, rich flavors. Sweet berry fruit, chocolate and licorice is buried inside a formidable structure. Serious wine, authoritative and sold.”

Huon Hooke, Decanter Magazine UK
November 2010

“A fragrant, stylish Cabernet with currant and savory herb and cedar flavors.”

Food & Wine
Wine Guide 2012