



2005 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	Paul Atwood
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon (86%), Malbec (14%)
MATURATION :	23 months in 40% new Taransaud, Dargaud + Jaegle, and Seguin Moreau barriques
ALCOHOL :	13.5% alc/vol.

VINTAGE NOTES :

A mild winter and gentle spring winds delivered good flowering and fruit set. The summer was generally cool, with some warm periods later in the season providing perfect ripening conditions. Picking of this variety was done at night and at dawn to preserve these delicate flavors. 2005 was a great year for Cabernet Sauvignon and Leeuwin Estate considers this to be one of their best ever.

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 wine has a deep garnet color. Intense varietal Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of blackberry, blackcurrant, plum and licorice lift from the glass to greet the nose and is underpinned by the beautifully integrated French oak aromas. The palate is intense, linear and elegant. Blackcurrant and licorice flavors linger in the mouth to produce an incredibly long finish. The fine backbone of acidity displayed by this wine and the ultra fine tannins suggest a vintage of Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon with great aging potential.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 93 pts Stephen Tanzer, 90 pts Robert Parker, 90 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.



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