



2009 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

Review Summary



95 pts “No question this is the best Shiraz Leeuwin have released since beginning their rediscovery of this variety a few years ago. Soft and luxurious with supple fleshy fruit held with firmish tannin and quality fine grained oak. Shows the greatest density and concentration of ripe fruit of any Leeuwin shiraz, yet is retains an elegance and subtlety. Terrific wine.”

**Ray Jordan, The West Australian Wine Guide
2012**

93 pts “Bright crimson; a super-elegant, refined shiraz, with bright — indeed brisk — red berry flavors, fine tannins and subtle oak. Needs to build a bit more flesh, that will appear in due course.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2012**

93 pts “Very stylish, fine-grained and elegant, with a delicate floral bouquet of raspberries, redcurrants and cassis tightly knit with a cedary oak and backed by spicy notes of white pepper, cloves and nutmeg. It’s reserved, medium to full-bodied, long and supple, with a silky but intensely flavored palate of pristine black and small berry flavors supported by fine, dusty tannins. It finishes savory, with a lingering core of fruit, and should build in the bottle.”

**Jeremy Oliver, The Australian Wine Annual
2012**

92 pts “More than a little impressive, the 2009 Leeuwin Estate Shiraz Art Series is downright classy and elegant, featuring vanilla-laced aromas of red berry like fruits, leather, crushed flowers, and wild herbs to go with a medium+ bodied, beautifully balanced palate. This opens up in the glass, has a polished, seamless texture, and juicy acidity that carries into a clean, classically structured and focused finish. This is excellent now, but I also think it will age gracefully, with a decade of overall drinkability not out of the question.”

**Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhone Report
March 2012**



91 pts “Deep garnet colored, the 2009 Art Series Shiraz displays tantalizing scents of kirsch, blackberry preserves and spice cake with suggestions of smoked bacon and yeast extract plus a whiff of Provence herbs. Medium-bodied with just enough blackberry and savory flavors, it has a medium level of grainy tannins and crisp acid, finishing long and spicy. Delicious now, it should continue to drink to 2018+.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, eRobertParker.com
August 2012

91 pts “Bright ruby. Highly aromatic nose displays dark berry preserves, potpourri and cracked pepper. Lush, creamy blackberry and blueberry flavors are enlivened by peppery spices and firmed by velvety tannins. The sappy finish clings with very good intensity and features sweet dark fruit and floral nuances.”

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

88 pts “This savory style favors nuances of roasted meat and herbs against pretty red fruit at the core, finishing with open texture and refreshing acidity.”

Harvey Steiman, WineSpectator.com
2012