



2009 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION: 19 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol. | TA: 6.36 g/L | pH: 3.53

VINTAGE NOTES:

Excellent winter and early spring rains recharged the soil profile for the dry summer season ahead. Late spring was generally mild and sunny, although a short blast of wild weather in October damaged some of the young shoots. Flowering dates were about average and conditions were mostly fine and mild. Summer was warm with few hot days. Warm, clear days, with cooling afternoon sea breezes continued into harvest (March).

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 bouquet is vibrant with a concentrated fruit profile of abundant blackcurrant, dark cherries and mulberry. Lifted savory and earthy aromatics provide elegant layers to a highly expressive and complex nose. On the palate, a dark fruit core of blackcurrant and forest fruits lead into more savory spices of dried sage, cassia bark, and tobacco. All components arrive to a finish, which is featured by slightly chalky cocoa powder-like tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar, 91 pts Wine & Spirits, 90+ pts Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate, 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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