

# 2015 LEEUWIN ESTATE

## ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** Tim Lovett  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (97%), Malbec (3%)  
**MATURATION:** 22 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | 6.82 g/L TA | 3.26 pH

**VINTAGE:** Spring was warm and dry and November saw some cool showers and cool southerly breezes. The rest of summer was cooler than average with little rain. Throughout harvest the nights were slightly warmer than average but there were no extremely hot days, the cooling sea breeze obvious every afternoon. 2015 was one of the best all round vintages experienced, with resulting wine showing very good palate density and intense varietal lifts.

**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:** Blackcurrants, cherries, dried cranberries and Satsuma plums feature on the nose at the forefront. Bay leaf, cinnamon, cardamom, cedar and clove combine with heightened lavender notes and hints of fresh tobacco. The palate is fine with a mineral thread. It is elegant and delicately layered. Blackcurrant and cherries feature again with a subtle cassis edge. The mid palate has supple flesh with cocoa, coffee bean and cassia leading to a graphite line and powdery tannins.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 95 pts Wine & Spirits, 92 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate

**ABOUT LEEUWIN:** 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.

