

2016 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (99%), Malbec (1%)
MATURATION: 22 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 7.03 g/L TA | 3.40 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: Deep, dark and black core of fruit centred upon currants, blueberries, dark cherries and cassis. Black cardamom, nutmeg, tobacco, cumin and well-integrated oak surround and support an incredibly rich dense nose. Impressive weight and texture are at the forefront, powerfully fruited in the black and blue fruit spectrum combine with cacao, roasted coffee bean and anise. The length is infinite and defined by bright acidity, powder-like tannins and diligent oak.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Wine & Spirits, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts Wine & Spirits, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 pts Wine Spectator

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.

