

## 2017 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**93 pts** “After berry sorting and cold soak fermentation in open and closed fermenters with pumping over three times daily, mlf in barrel plus 9 months maturation, further barrel selections in French barriques with rackings timed by a lunar calendar. The taming of the tannin is complete, the cabernet varietal character clear cut.”

James Halliday  
Halliday Wine Companion  
August 1, 2020

**92 pts** “This has an array of bright, red-fruit aromas and flavors with a fresh and crunchy palate that offers a cedary-oak frame to the bright, redder-toned berries. Fresh, assertive tannins.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
February 28, 2020

**90 pts** “Noticeably herbal (sage and bay leaf) and tea-like on the nose, the 2017 Prelude Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon also delivers attractive raspberry fruit. From a cool vintage, it’s only medium-bodied, with a firm, slightly chewy structure and cherry fruit on the finish.”

Joe Czerwinski  
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate  
January 2020

**90 pts** “A mild, late year with no April rainfall has given a delicate, translucent and primary Cabernet, with aromas of dried roses, a kiss of oak, chocolate, cedar and toast hints. It has a sappy, redcurrant and cherry palate (thanks to 8% Merlot) with fleshier plum, blackcurrant and graphite undertones and smooth tannins. Pleasant and approachable but lacks a bit of character and conviction.”

Sarah Ahmed  
Decanter  
February 22, 2021