

2014 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (96%), Malbec (4%)
MATURATION: 23 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.50 g/L TA | 3.33 pH

VINTAGE: Winter and spring rainfall was modest although the dams still filled and overflowed. November was cool with showers and southerly breezes. Summer was generally cooler than average with little rain and no hot days. Marri trees flowered heavily, resulting in low bird pressure. A fabulous vintage with excellent weather conditions for developing and maintaining the delicate flavours of the fruit.

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: A highly expressive and fragrant nose with violet, lavender, bay leaf and fennel seed weaving through a dense core of blackcurrant and red cherry. Subtle anise, cumin, cedar, cracked coffee bean and cocoa lie in the background. The palate has purity and elegance; delicate layers of cherries, blackcurrants and Satsuma plums combine with a vibrant thread of natural acidity, giving direction and focus. Cinnamon and clove are present on the mid-palate which extends long with tightly coiled powdery tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Vinous, 93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 92 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.

