

## 2016 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### Review Summary



**97 pts** “After berry sorting, cold soak and maceration, pumping over three times daily, the wine pumped to French barriques for mlf and 9 months maturation. The Art Series range has a clear family approach to each wine, a focus and sophistication that brings certainty to its long-term maturity.”

Halliday Wine Companion  
May 2020

**95 pts** “Saturated ruby. Smoke- and spice-accented red and blue fruits, rose pastille, vanilla and cured tobacco on the highly expressive nose. Palate-staining flavors of ripe cherry, black currant and fruitcake are supported and sharpened by an undercurrent of smoky minerality. Puts on weight with air and finishes appealingly sweet and extremely long, displaying resonating cherry and floral notes and supple, slow-building tannins.”

Josh Reynolds  
Vinous  
July 2021

**94 pts** “Take cabernet’s austere demeanor to the surf town of Margaret River and it transforms over time, producing a wine like this 2016 Art Series – a fruity red with cold ocean currents running underneath. The wine’s deep plum richness carries peppercorn spice and fresh tobacco leaf as the details of the tannins unfold. Youthfully blunt, needing days to reveal itself, this wine’s savory concentration holds depths that will show with bottle age, and the freshness to sustain the wine for years in the cellar.”

Joshua Green  
Wine & Spirits  
October 2020

**94 pts** “A warmer than average late summer and ideal conditions during March and April produced excellent intensity of blackcurrant on the nose, with lifted cedar and cocoa. Sweet blueberry and crunchier red cherry chime in on the medium-bodied palate, together with creamy praline, cedar and cumin oak notes. Ripe but present taffeta tannins elegantly frame the fruit and it has a lingering, spicy finish.”

Sarah Ahmed  
Decanter  
February 22, 2021



**94 pts** “Impressively curated cabernet with cedar and tobacco aromas framing bright red berries, as well as bergamot, black tea, red plums and violets. The palate has a smooth, succulent and elegantly juicy shape and such fine, taut and layered tannins that carry so long and pure. Superb cab with power and elegance.”

**Nick Stock**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**April 28, 2020**

**93 pts** “This vintage feels a little riper than the previous year, and the vanilla-cola oak is currently more prominent, too. There’s also oodles of bright red berries, flowers, mint, earthy herbs and spices, with a region-ally expressive briny, sea spray note. On the palate, there’s a little warmth from the alcohol and not quite as much textural complexity as the 2015, but this is still highly varietal and expressive. The fruit is tangy, supported by firm, chalky tannins.”

**Christina Pickard**  
**Wine Enthusiast**  
**October 19, 2020**

**92 pts** “Tight and tart, the 2016 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon features crisp raspberries and cranberries. It’s medium to full-bodied but taut and tense, with some chewy tannins accentuated by bright acids on the long, mouthwatering finish.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
**Robert Parker Wine Advocate**  
**January 2020**

**92 pts** “Medium to deep red/purple colour, with a dried herb and sweet berry bouquet, hinting at raspberry and blackberry, the palate medium to full-bodied and succulent, slightly lean in profile, with a sweet fruit core and very abundant tannins leaving a drying finish and follow-through. The acidity seems to harden the tannins. Cellaring will bring rewards.”

**Huon Hooke**  
**The Real Review**  
**April 4, 2020**

**91 pts** “There’s an appealing density and savory quality here, with rosemary, green tea, sage, cedar and tobacco overtones to the currant and raspberry flavors, set against a frame of firm, gripping tannins, fresh acidity and a forest floor note that lingers.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**Wine Spectator Online**  
**October 15, 2020**

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