

2017 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

Review Summary



95 pts “Open and closed fermenters with 20% whole bunches, plunged/pumped over daily, pressed to new and used barrels for a total of 18 months in oak. Deep, bright purple-crimson; after early (10 years³) hesitation about the synergy that might be gained from this marriage of wine and place all doubts were comprehensively answered. Lovely medium to full-bodied blackberry and co flavours.”

James Halliday
Halliday Wine Companion
August 1, 2020

92 pts “Perhaps the best vintage of this wine I’ve yet tasted, the 2017 Art Series Shiraz reveals the progress Leeuwin Estate has made with this grape, which is often neglected in Margaret River. It’s strongly peppery—a reflection of the cool vintage—but that element is balanced by succulent blueberry and intriguing licorice notes. Full-bodied and supple on the mid-palate, it finishes with a touch of tannic backbone and bright, mouthwatering acids.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
January 2020

92 pts “This has a very vivid core of red plums and mulberries with very nicely fitted oak and spice. The palate has a wrap of sturdy tannin and silky texture at the edges. Fresh, red-fruit flavors hold the finish long.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
April 28, 2020

91 pts “Glass-staining ruby. Blackberry, cherry preserve, licorice and vanilla scents on the smoke-accented nose. Primary dark fruit, mocha and vanilla flavors show very good depth and pick up a spicy nuance with air. The vanilla and cherry notes return on the long, youthfully tannic finish that features a hint of salty olive. Give this one some time, as the oak component is definitely making its case now.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
July 15, 2021



91 pts “Blue fruits and bay leaf on the nose. Those same fruits have good mid-palate presence, with dry herbs ebbing and flowing across the full length. The tannins are distinct but balanced and good length. Quite dry on the finish.”

Stuart Knox
The Real Review
March 18, 2020

90 pts “Bright and succulent, with blood orange, raspberry and kirsch flavors accented by red licorice, clove and cherry-vanilla soda notes on a plush, harmonious finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
August 31, 2021

89 pts “This vintage is both sweetly fruited and quite oaky. Plums, black cherries, mocha, licorice and black olives are all overlaid by spicy barrel notes. In the mouth, the fruit is silky and juicy against the talc-like tannins. Medium in weight and with plenty of class, this needs time for the oak to find its way to the wings.”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
October 19, 2020