



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

93 pts/BEST BUY “A rich blackcurrant essence of cabernet, this starts out firm and dry before expanding with air into cool depths of fruit and wood spice. It grows vibrant and lovely, while still holding its umami savor. Estate grown at the Horgan's Stevens Road vineyard west of town, this is a ripe and spicy red to pour with grilled pork in a Southeast-Asian sweet-and-sour marinade.”

Joshua Greene
Wine & Spirits
October 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