

# 2017 LEEUWIN ESTATE

## ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** Tim Lovett  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (98%), Malbec (2%)  
**MATURATION:** 22 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | 6.96 g/L TA | 3.35 pH

**VINTAGE:** : A wetter than average winter was followed by a relatively cool and wet spring. Flowering was 10 days later than in 2016, and generally sunny conditions resulted in excellent set across all varieties. Summer was mild with few hot days. Harvest commenced in the last week of February. The reds were able to hang well into a rain free April. The slow Autumn ripening allowed Shiraz and Cabernet to develop intense and vibrant fruit flavors with excellent tannin ripeness. A late, but nonetheless excellent vintage.

**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:** Dense and concentrated nose with blackcurrants, blueberries and boysenberries. A delicate fragrant lift of violets, lavender offer beautiful symmetry and balance. Laced beneath complex spices of cumin, clove, black cardamom and star anise, surrounded by an oceanic nuance throughout. Full of energy and vitality with elegant shape and frame, again black and blue fruits dominate the palate. There is dimension, drive, and penetration to the finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 94 pts Wine Spectator, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

**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.

