

## 2018 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “The same layers of complexity and spice as the 2017, with all the ripe fruit and power hallmarks of the 2018 vintage. Bouncy and chewy, the tannins are woven into the fruit. Fruit, oak, acid and tannins are integrated and elegant, showing cohesion and harmony from the get-go. Cool-climate elegance is the lasting impression of this wine, as is the fine, chalky tannin profile that ultimately carries the fruit over the course of the palate. Very detailed. Margaret River can be responsible for seriously beautiful shiraz – this is one.”

Erin Larkin  
Halliday Wine Companion  
August 16, 2021

**96 pts** “Marks the continuing evolution of shiraz from Leeuwin Estate. Pretty close to the best since the project to kickstart this variety was launched some years ago. It has a sumptuous fruity mix on the palate with gravelly textured tannins and neatly weighted oak, which is a mix of new and seasoned. The new just adds a touch of spicy lift. Delicious and generous.”

Ray Jordan  
The West Australian  
February 26, 2021

**95 pts** “Intense yet mouthwatering and frisky, the black berry, cherry, currant fruit and tart bilberry fruit s vividly defined and persistent. Smoky, creamy French oak (20% new) smooths the tannins, and hints of anise, eucalyptus and dried sage emerge. Crunchy acidity makes for a sappy finish to this mid-weight, food-friendly Shiraz.”

Sarah Ahmed  
Decanter  
December 4, 2021

**93 pts** “There’s plenty of white pepper, spice and blue fruit aromatics, really pretty, refined and inviting. The palate is mid-weighted, with a really delicious array of blue fruits, spice, bitter chocolate and firm, grippy, drying tannins that give the wine a lovely line, length and savouriness.”

Aaron Brasher  
The Real Review  
March 20, 2021



**91 pts** “Red-cherry flavors meet the firm acidity of bitter melon in this sweet and tannic shiraz. The firm acidity of bitter melon in this sweet and tannic shiraz. The fruit is full enough to completely saturate those tannins, setting the wine up for barbecued brisket and burnt ends.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits**  
**October 1, 2021**

**90 pts** “This 2018 vintage shows all the perfume, vivid fruit and oak spice we’ve come to expect from the “Art Series” Shiraz, with more power on the palate than in previous years. Vivid aromas of black currant, licorice, florals and sweet oak spice lead to a mouthful of tannins. They’re chewy and a bit drying, but they don’t entirely muffle the lifted acidity and attractive fruit and floral flavors. Give this another year or two in bottle for those tannins to knit into the wine and then drink until 2030 or so.”

**Christina Pickard**  
**Wine Enthusiast**  
**December 1, 2021**