

## 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

**93 pts/EDITORS' CHOICE** “Classy and oh-so Margaret River, this is fresh and herbal, packed with bright red fruit, menthol, white pepper and dried florals. There's a lovely tension to the palate. Juicy fruit is sculpted by savory tannins.”

Christina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
May 3, 2022

**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