

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE

PRELUDE VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (98%), Malbec (2%)
MATURATION: 18 months in French oak barriques (33% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.95 g/L TA | 3.40 pH

VINTAGE: It was a cold, wet winter with several days of southerly hail to add to the pruning experience. Spring was cooler than average, with the mild early spring conditions delaying flowering by approximately 10 days. In late spring and early summer, the weather improved significantly delivering warm blue-sky days. Significant rain in late January established the unirrigated vineyards for a perfect finish. The Cabernet and Shiraz harvest commenced with gusto in mid-April and concluded in the last days of the month.

WINEMAKING: After berry sorting and cold soaking, fermentation took place in closed and open fermenters and each individual lot was pumped over three times daily. Malolactic fermentation was completed in French Bordelaise coopered barriques. After nine months the separate parcels were blended and returned to oak for further maturation. Racking took place seasonally and the wine spent a total of 20 months in oak.

TASTING NOTES: An engaging nose that is youthful, elegant and perfumed. Lavender, bay leaf, sage flowers and dried rosemary are swaddled around a dark core of blackcurrants, cherries and blueberries. Underlying notes of Garam Marsala spice, dehydrated beets, cacao, coffee and toasted anise wraps it all together. On the palate, currants greet quartz, minerals and bright acidity leading to structural, yet powdery fine tannins on the back palate.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

