

2018 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (97%), Malbec (3%)
MATURATION: 22 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.91 g/L TA | 3.39 pH

VINTAGE: An outstanding vintage for Cabernet Sauvignon in Margaret River. Winter of 2017 was typically wet and windy. Conditions in spring were mild, resulting in excellent fruit set. Summer temperatures were warm, with very few hot days. Cabernet harvest started the last week of March and went into the third week of April. The slow autumn ripening allowed Cabernet to develop intense fruit flavors with excellent tannin ripeness.

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, concentrated nose with blackcurrants and dark cherries. Heightened floral notes combine with savory spice notes. There is an evident undertone of graphite and flint, providing a very detailed nose. Intensity and density pair with purity and elegance and a predominately blackcurrant thread on the palate. Bold, rich and contoured fruits engage with bright, almost mineral acidity. The tannins are silky, finely polishing the shape and finish on the palate.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 95 pts JamesSuckling.com, 95 pts Decanter, 93 pts Wine Enthusiast

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.

