

2018 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Review Summary



98 pts “Deep crimson. Classical blackcurrant cedar aromas with lifted espresso, roasted chestnut notes. Inky deep and beautifully concentrated wine with dense blackcurrant, dark plum, dark chocolate flavors, fine grainy/ chocolaty tannins and perfectly integrated cedar oak. A superb grainy firm finish and mineral length. A great Leeuwin Estate Cabernet.”

Andrew Caillard MW
The Vintage Journal
May 10, 2021

97+ pts “The 2018 vintage in Margaret River was perhaps the best vintage in the modern commercial history of the region (i.e., since 1967). Most producers made their best wines in this year, and despite a string of extremely high-quality vintages that followed (2019 - cool, aromatic; 2020 - moderate to warm, great power and tannin structure; 2022 - too early to tell but whispers abound that it rivals 2018, certainly a warm year), it remains a standalone vintage in its outlay of powerful fruit and shape. The 2018 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon is the best made at the estate, and I say that ahead of my favored 2014 and 2012 vintages.”

Erin Larkin
Robert Parker Wine Advocate
July 6, 2023

97 pts “This was a freak vintage in the hands of many winemakers in WA, capable of power, balance, ripeness and glory. This has pomegranate, red licorice and peppered raspberry. The fruit flavors, while slinky and seductive, are not the major player here. And that is saying something. The key to the brilliance of this wine, like the '14, the '10 and to some extent the '05 before it, is the texture. The tannins. They are tightly woven, very fine and serve to support the fruit and the acid. This wine is built on a stable scaffold of tannin that both cushions the experience and defines it. What a wine.”

Erin Larkin
Halliday Wine Companion
August 3, 2022

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95 pts "A complex and layered nose of blackcurrants, fresh mint, pine cone and red licorice. Medium- to full-bodied with fine, structured tannins. Succulent and well constructed with a solid core of black fruit. Leafy herbs and black tea character add welcome depth. Delicious. So attractive right now but will age wonderfully. 97% cabernet sauvignon and 3% malbec. Drink or hold. Screw cap."

James Suckling
JamesSuckling.com
October 19, 2022

95 pts "Elegant, medium-bodied, with cardamom and dried herb hints to the bitter chocolate-edged blackcurrant fruit, with suggestions of riper cassis. Lovely freshness, showing ripe but present fine-grained tannins in this outstanding Margaret River Cabernet vintage. Classy and controlled. Bordelaise-coopered French oak barriques discreetly buff and extend the fruit on a tapered finish, with cigar box and cedar resonance to the back palate."

Sarah Ahmed
Decanter
May 7, 2022

"Truly elegant in every way. One sip of this wine and I can feel its beauty. It has a purefruited translucency and the whisper of pine needles, a mint-cold freshness, tannins reaching long, tenacious, slender from top to bottom, embedded through the fruit. A wine with a sweet heart, taut purpose, exquisitely formed clarity."

Tamlyn Currin
JancisRobinson.com
April 23, 2022

93 pts Dense and wonderfully juicy, with the tannic structure drawing you into a mix of intense cassis, huckleberry, clove, chai tea, dried black olive and smoked paprika. Presents a pretty thread of dried rose petal, with dried herbs lingering on the long, expressive finish. Drink now through 2030.

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
November 2022

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