

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES SHIRAZ



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THE ART OF FINE WINE



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (98%), Malbec (2%)
MATURATION: 18 months in French oak barriques (30% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol. | 6.89 g/L TA | 3.37 pH

VINTAGE: Clear and mild late Autumnal weather delivered red wines which display excellent flavor and tannin profiles. Winter of 2018 was characteristically cold and wet. Pruning conditions were arduous with few clear, rain-free days. The mild early spring weather delayed flowering then weather improved substantially. In a year with no marri blossom to distract the birds from the grapes, every net on the estate was used and reused. The Cabernet and Shiraz harvest commenced with gusto in mid-April and concluded in the final days of the month.

WINEMAKING: Fruit was fermented in both open and closed fermenters with 20% being whole bunches to enhance vibrancy and lift. Ferment vessels were plunged and pumped over daily and the wine run to new, one and two-year-old barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine underwent malolactic in barrels and after six months, the various components were blended and matured in barrels for a further twelve months. After assemblage the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Bright, elegant, and fragrant, the nose has heightened floral notes of violets, lavender, cardamom and pepper medley. The core of fruit is in the line of black cherries and blueberries. Clove, cinnamon, burnt toffee provide delicate complex. Gentle textures, woven layers and bright acidity meet seamlessly. Dense Satsuma plums, redcurrants and raspberries surround the mid palate. Elements of smoked cedar and cracked coffee bean combine with a mineral thread, leading to long structural tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts Decanter, 95 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 93 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 pts Vinous

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

