

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



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THE ART OF FINE WINE



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (96%), Malbec (4%)
MATURATION: 22 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.50 g/L TA | 3.40 pH

VINTAGE: A sensational vintage in Margaret River, 2019 featured mild late-vintage weather allowing for the development of excellent flavor and tannin profiles in the red wines. Winter of 2018 was characterized by typical wet and cold weather and will be remembered for the weeks of strong west to northwesterly winds off the Indian Ocean. Flowering was delayed; later in the season, the weather improved significantly. The Cabernet harvest commenced with gusto in mid-April and concluded in the final days of the month.

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: Elevated, perfumed and fragrant opulence with Morello cherries and black currant on the nose, highlighted by notes of clove and dried sage. The palate features generous layers and contours, and dense, dark forest fruits combine with cacao, cracked coffee and anise. Vibrancy and energy is underlined with a mineral and graphite acid line and delicate elegant finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 97 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 96+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 93 pts Wine Spectator, 92 pts Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

