

2020 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Cabernet Sauvignon (98%), Malbec (2%)
MATURATION: 22 months in 100% French oak barriques (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.91g/L TA | 3.33 pH

VINTAGE: 2020 produced another outstanding Margaret River vintage. Winter was typically wet and windy, although rainfall was lower than average. Cabernet buds burst through late August and September. Pinot Noir went through veraison first, in mid-December, significantly earlier than usual. Mild, temperate days and cool nights allowed the reds to develop beautiful tannin, flavor and sugar ripeness. Harvest of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz began in mid-March and the last Estate fruit was picked on April 4.

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: Aromas of dark cherries, boysenberries and blackcurrants, leading to complex layers of star anise, black cardamom, cedar, clove, cumin and fennel seed. There is a gentle lift of freshly picked violets and lavender. Concentrated and textured, dark black fruits meet cacao and coffee on the palate. There is power and structure tuned with finesse and elegance. A graphite, mineral and ethereal thread leads to a fine, powdery, and slightly chalky finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 96 pts Decanter, 95 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 93 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 wineries.

