

# 2021 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 | 6.43 g/L TA | 3.31 pH

**VINTAGE:** 2021's mild summer vintage produced wines showcasing excellent varietal definition with incredible length and clarity. Winter was typically wet and windy with heavy falls in July, August, and September, resulting in close to average rainfall. Rain in April, alongside sunny mild days and cool nights allowed the reds to develop beautiful ripe skin tannins, flavor and sugar ripeness. Harvest of the Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz began in the final days of March, with the last of the estate fruit picked on April 18.

**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:** The nose is greeted by blackcurrants and dark cherries alongside anise, clove, cardamom, and bay leaf. It is highly lifted and perfumed with lavender and basil flowers. Complexity is evident with iodine, saline and petrichor notes. Drive, direction and line formulate the shape and frame on the palate. Dark forest fruits surround cedar, olives, and graphite. There is distinct minerality threaded within, leading to a fine silky tannin profile.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 96 pts HWC, 96 pts Decanter, 95 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 95 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.

