

# 2022 LEEUWIN ESTATE

## PRELUDE VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON



**WINEMAKER:** Tim Lovett  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon (98%), Malbec (2%)  
**MATURATION:** 20 months in French oak barriques (33% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | 7.12 g/L TA | 3.35 pH

**VINTAGE:** A mild summer produced wines of excellent varietal definition with incredible length and clarity. Chardonnay was the first variety to burst in the late August, followed by Cabernet through late August and September. Veraison was first noted in Pinot Noir in late December; followed by Chardonnay. Harvest of the Cabernet Sauvignon began in the final days of March, with the last of the estate fruit picked on April 18.

**WINEMAKING:** After berry sorting and cold soaking, fermentation took place in closed and open fermenters and each individual lot was pumped over up to three times daily. Malolactic fermentation was completed in French Bordelaise coopered barriques. After nine months the separate parcels were blended and returned to oak for further maturation. Racking took place seasonally and the wine spent a total of 20 months in oak.

**TASTING NOTES:** The nose is energetic, youthful, vibrant, and perfumed. Sage, bay leaf, cumin and dried rosemary are surrounded by a dark core of blackcurrants, cherries, and blueberries. Underlying notes of olive tapenade, dehydrated beetroot, cacao, coffee bean, and anise combine throughout. Generous black fruits meet savory spice, subtle oak, and a granitic feel. The tannins are silky and seamless, with enviable length. A delicate and expressive vintage.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 93 pts, James Suckling

**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.

