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2017 Art Series Shiraz

“Ripe and plush wine showing lovely, spicy plum fruit aromas. There’s even a little red fruit, confectionery character with a dollop of dark chocolate and liqueur. With sweet fruit concentration and grainy, chalky tannins. Really well-integrated palate with a long finish. I think this might be better than in 2016. It’s like the 2012 and the 2014 but with greater weight and palate density. This is a super wine.” **96 points.**

Ray Jordan, *The West Australian Wine Guide 2021*

“Open and closed fermenters with 20% whole bunches, plunged/pumped over daily, pressed to new and used barrels for a total of 18 months in oak. Deep, bright purple-crimson; after early (10 years3) hesitation about the synergy that might be gained from this marriage of wine and place all doubts were comprehensively answered. Lovely medium to full-bodied blackberry and co flavours.” **95 points.**

James Halliday, *2021 Halliday Wine Companion*

“**THE HIDDEN GEM** From a cooler year, white pepper, rosewater and cardamom bring levity to nose and medium-bodied palate, along with precise and focused mineral acidity – a Leeuwin signature. The 3% dense, rich, tannic Malbec accentuates the bright plum and red berry freshness of the Shiraz. Fermented with 20% whole bunches and aged in 600-litre French oak barrels, the fine fretwork of tannins anchors the fruit and lingering spice flavours.” **93 points.**

Sarah Ahmed, *Decanter Premium, March 2021*

“Perhaps the best vintage of this wine I’ve yet tasted, the 2017 Art Series Shiraz reveals the progress Leeuwin Estate has made with this grape, which is often neglected in Margaret River. It’s strongly peppery - a reflection of the cool vintage - but that element is balanced by succulent blueberry and intriguing licorice notes. Full-bodied and supple on the mid-palate, it finishes with a touch of tannic backbone and bright, mouthwatering acids.” **92 points.**

Joe Czerwinski, *Robert Parker – The Wine Advocate, January 2020*

“This has a very vivid core of red plums and mulberries with very nicely fitted oak and spice. The palate has a wrap of sturdy tannin and silky texture at the edges. Fresh, red-fruit flavors hold the finish long. Drink or hold. Screw cap.” **92 points.**

Nick Stock, [JamesSuckling.com](https://www.jamesSuckling.com), March 2020

“This may be cooler climate Shiraz, but there is wonderful berry/cherry fruit leaping from the glass. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with supple oak and tannins adding depth and texture. Gets chewy on the close, but the finish remains relatively supple and poised, with excellent length.” **18.3/20 points.**

Barry Weinman, [finewineclub.com.au](https://www.finewineclub.com.au), September 2020
