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2018 Prelude Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon

"In case you missed, it, '18 may be the greatest cabernet and chardonnay vintage in living memory in Margaret River. So goes it for the Prelude: sheer density of fruit and rippling length of flavour are the calling cards. Bargain at the price." **96 points.**

Erin Larkin, 2022 Halliday Wine Companion, August 2021

"Deep ruby. Spice-accented red and dark berry scents are complemented by succulent herb, tobacco and smoky mineral flourishes. Juicy, focused and appealingly sweet, offering sappy black raspberry and cherry cola flavors that take on licorice and vanilla notes with air. Closes very long and precise, with repeating cherry and herb notes and supple tannins that add frame and gentle grip." **93 points.**

Josh Raynolds, Vinous, 15 July 2021

"This is in pretty good form. It's medium-bodied at the absolute most but it has more than its fair share of charm. It's the purity that does it; the balance. Boysenberry and fresh blackcurrant/redcurrant with tips of mint, tobacco and cedar. Tannin is fine and in appropriate measure with the weight of fruit; it feels effortless and controlled at once. The cleanliness of this, the aformentioned purity, really works in this wine's favour" **92 points.**

Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, 9 February 2021

"Rich, ripe blackcurrant and cassis with a lick of blueberry and green tea. Fleshy, juicy mid-palate with fine-grained tannins." **91 points.**

Sarah Ahmed, Justin Knock MW & Julia Sewell, Decanter, January 2022

"Aromatic and fresh, with sage and rosemary herbal highlights and a hint of matcha green tea to compliment the pure, lush and juicy core of black cherry, spiced plum and blackberry flavors, finishing with harmony and notes of baking spices." **90 points.**

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator, 1 December 2021

"There was a time when Leeuwin's reds were seen as very much second fiddle to their legendary Chardonnay. Those days are long gone, and their Cabernet now sits alongside the region's very best. This wine is ripe and intense with notes of blackberries, chocolate, tobacco leaf, cassis, leather, and superbly integrated oak. Seamless, with a very long palate on which the intensity is maintained throughout, it finishes with carefully managed tannins, which are both silky and slightly gravelly at the same time. Will easily impress for the next ten to twenty years."

Ken Gargett, pix.wine, 14	April 2022		