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2018 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon

“The foundation vineyard of Leeuwin Estate Art Series Cabernet is the 1975-planted Block 8. The vineyard is meticulously managed to promote the development of high intensity fruit and fine classical grainy tannins. Although the growing season and maritime climate are similar to Bordeaux, the atmospheric conditions, lateritic soils, Karri forests and bush-garrigue bring a very different and highly particular set of challenges. The region also has an astonishing diversity of bird life which presents difficulties. Most vineyards are nowadays netted after veraison to stave off the squadrons of Australian ringneck 28ers (Twenty Eight Parrots).

Deep crimson. Classical blackcurrant cedar aromas with lifted espresso, roasted chestnut notes. Inky deep and beautifully concentrated wine with dense blackcurrant, dark plum, dark chocolate flavours, fine grainy/chocolate tannins and perfectly integrated cedar oak. A superb grainy firm finish and mineral length. A great Leeuwin Estate Cabernet. Now - 2040”. **99 points.**

Andrew Caillard MW, The Vintage Journal, March 2022

“One of the last wines released from the great 2018 Margaret River vintage, this has to be one of the finest cabernets yet from Leeuwin. Supremely balanced and poised with stylish lines through to a very long finish. Scented aromas of cedar and leafy blackcurrant with a trace of oyster shell. The palate is quite brilliant with the distinct chalky tannins and super fine grained oak holding the fruit gently to its extended finish. Great wine here.”

97 points.

Ray Jordan, WinePilot.com, March 2022

“Leeuwin Estate is for me one of the most Bordeaux like of Margaret River’s top line cabernets with its vineyard location at the southern end of the region helping to produce savoury wine styles. It can be a challenge in cooler vintages but when the vintage gods are kind, it is a recipe for something very special, as we have here. Deep crimson, it opens up with understated, but enthralling aromas of red currant, blackcurrant, woody asparagus stems, cedar and cassis with a solid backbone of new oak. There is then great density of fruit to the palate, again not bold but reserved and full of energy; a young, tight ball of vibrant, stylish and youthful flavours exceptionally well balanced with manicured tannins which support an incredibly long, elegant finish. Super impressive and a new benchmark for this label.” **97 points.**

Angus Hughson, WinePilot.com, March 2022

“Those who have been enjoying Leeuwin Estate wines for a good few years will know that there was a time when their 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 and, in comparison to some, represents excellent value. 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.” **96 points.**

Ken Gargett, WinePilot.com, May 2022

“Dense, nutty, a bit minty too, tight and controlled, with blueberry and cassia bark perfume. Silty smooth tannin, texture is a highlight, a distinct ‘mineral’ sort of character, something of a hazelnut toffee flavour, mid-weight and sure-footed, such a wonderful nutty chew to it, red and black fruits and a long persuasively tannic finish. Excellent.” **95 points.**

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, March 2022

“Rich, deeply fruited nose with beautiful notes of black cherry, orange peel and tapenade. Appealingly fresh with finely layered tannins.” **92 points. Highly recommended.**

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

“Truly elegant in every way. One sip of this wine and I can feel its beauty. It has a pure fruited translucency and the whisper of pine needles, a mint-cold freshness, tannins reaching long, tenacious, slender from top to bottom, embedded through the fruit. A wine with a sweet heart, taut purpose, exquisitely formed clarity.” **17.5 points.**

Tamlyn Currin, JancisRobinson.com, 23 April 2022
