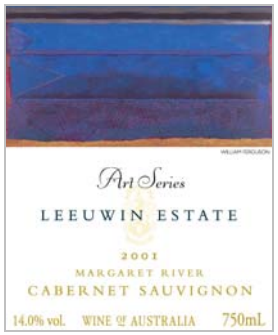
LEEUWIN ESTATE

2001 ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Region
Margaret River, Western Australia

Varieties
Cabernet Sauvignon (86.4%)
Malbec (9%)
Petit Verdot (4.6%)



Maturation
15 months in French barriques

Technical Analysis
14% alc/vol, 5.7 g/l total acidity, 3.68 pH

Background

A Margaret River powerhouse, this cabernet is made to be long lived with ample fruit and a sturdy frame. Oft described as 'Bordeaux like', the core of its fruit comes from 25-year-old vines grown in well-drained, gravelly, granite-derived soils. Includes small amounts of merlot, malbec and petit verdot.

The Art Series represents Leeuwin's finest wines from each vintage. The winemakers have always selected the optimum fruit, transforming it into Leeuwin's highest quality wines for this label. They are identified with paintings commissioned from leading contemporary Australian artists.

Vintage Notes

A very dry year with well below average rainfall. Both the flowering and berry set were good and even. The season was ideal for producing good quality fruit. Because of the dryness but cool conditions good intensity of flavours were evident in the Cabernet Sauvignon as is shown in the wine. Picking of this variety was slightly earlier than normal.

Tasting Notes

This is a classic Cabernet Sauvignon showing all the lovely fruit flavors of black berries, cassis, red currants and plums complemented by the selected French oak. An excellent palate showing a blend of ripe berry with long fine grained tannins in harmony with well integrated oak. The velvety palate has great lingering length and an elegance which marks this as a truly excellent vintage.

Additional Notes:

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