



2003 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	Paul Atwood
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon (87%), Malbec (10%), Petit Verdot (3%)
MATURATION :	15 months in 40% new Taransaud, Dargaud + Jaegle, and Seguin Moreau barriques
ALCOHOL :	13.5% alc/vol.

VINTAGE NOTES :

The combination of a hot December and coolish January resulted in the grapes reaching physiological maturity earlier than the cooler 2002 vintage. Depth of flavor impressed, with the grapes achieving great ripeness and balanced acidity. The Cabernet was picked at lower sugar levels than achievable in the past, resulting on a wine with balance and finesse.

BACKGROUND :

A Margaret River powerhouse, the Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon is made in a long lived style due to its ample fruit and sturdy frame. Often described as “Bordeaux like,” the core of the fruit comes from 25-year-old vines grown in well-draining gravel/granite derived soils. The Art Series range is identified with paintings commissioned from leading contemporary Australian artists.

TASTING NOTES :

Intense ruby red in color with garnet tints, the 2003 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon displays the classic notes evident in the greatest growing years in Margaret River. Lifted notes of blackberry, blackcurrant and mulberry fruits adorn the nose, with French oak spice and cedar elevating the fruit. The full-bodied palate shows intense dark fruits and black olive with hints of dark chocolate, rounded off with silky tannins that carry the length of the palate.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM :

94 pts James Halliday, 91(+?) pts International Wine Cellar, 90 pts (Cellar Selection) Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT LEEUWIN ESTATE :

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.



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