



LEEWIN ESTATE

# Leeuwin Estate

Leeuwin Estate Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon is a meticulously crafted wine, embodying the elegance and complexity of Margaret River's terroir. Its floral aromatics, dark fruit intensity, and silky tannins make it a standout vintage in the Art Series collection.



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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

## Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon 2021

Margaret River, Australia

### Region and Vineyards

The **Margaret River region**, located in Western Australia, is celebrated for producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. Leeuwin Estate benefits from a **mild maritime climate**, with cooling breezes from the Indian Ocean ensuring consistent ripening and preserving natural acidity.

The **2021 growing season** began with a wet winter, replenishing soil moisture levels. A warm yet moderate summer followed, with minimal heat spikes. The long, sunny days and cool nights during harvest in March and April allowed for a **prolonged ripening period**, fostering ripe tannins and intense flavors. The vines' **Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec** components thrived, showcasing **terroir-driven purity**.

### Winemaking

The **2021 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon** is composed of **98% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Malbec**, carefully harvested at peak ripeness. Following **individual berry sorting and cold soaking**, fermentation was conducted in **closed fermenters** at controlled temperatures between **26°C and 30°C**. Extraction techniques such as **daily pump-overs** enhanced flavor and tannin integration.

Malolactic fermentation occurred entirely in barrels, followed by an initial maturation of 9 months. The wine was then blended and returned to **French Bordelaise coopered barriques** for a total of **22 months of oak aging**, with periodic seasonal rackings to refine its structure and complexity.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby with garnet hues.
- **Aroma:** A perfumed bouquet of **blackcurrants, dark cherries**, and florals like **lavender** and **basil flowers**, complemented by spice notes of **anise, clove**, and **cardamom**. Earthy undertones of **iodine, saline**, and **petrichor** add complexity.
- **Palate:** A vibrant profile with flavors of **forest fruits, cedar**, and **graphite**, underscored by a distinct minerality. The fine-grained **silky tannins** and well-integrated acidity create a structured yet elegant finish.



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## Did You Know?

The **Art Series collection** is renowned for pairing its exceptional wines with original Australian artwork. The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon label features a piece by **Ildiko Kovacs**, titled *Hymn*, which reflects the wine's harmony and depth.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Slow-cooked beef brisket:** The wine's tannic structure and earthy notes complement the richness and savory profile of the dish.
- **Lamb chops with rosemary and garlic:** The dark fruit flavors balance the meat's gamey qualities, while the wine's spice nuances echo the herbs.
- **Aged Gruyère cheese:** The creamy, nutty character of the cheese pairs beautifully with the wine's minerality and smooth tannins.
- **Mushroom and truffle risotto:** The earthy umami flavors highlight the wine's depth and complexity.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

*The 2021 Art Series Cabernet Sauvignon will be released in the winter of 2024, and it's an interesting timeline, given the 2020 will be released this February. The 2021 season in Margaret River was frequently wet, and as a result, the character of the red wines is lighter in body and fruit weight. This 2021 wine is lighter in the glass than the 2020 (no surprise, given berry sizes in general in 2020), and the nose introduces dried herbs and exotic spice, alongside the raspberry, cassis and nori. Block 8 and block 9, which make up the backbone of this wine, are dry-grown, and this is an important point in the years that are markedly wet (2021, 2006) and dry (2024, 2022, 2020, etc.). On the palate, the wine is perfumed and fine, lightweight and flowing. It's a beautiful wine to drink now, thanks to its powdery tannins. It's all about the tannins here; it's whippy, like fresh new growth on a plant. I would drink this anytime from release; it offers tremendous pleasure just as it is. Sealed under screw cap.*



### James Halliday (JH) : 97 Points (2019)

*It's masterful to craft a wine that is structured, detailed, powerful and concentrated, and yet, it feels effortless. Mulberries, cassis, warm spices, violets and cedary oak come together in harmony while the tannins sashay across the palate. Flavors persist, as does the finish, and it will age beautifully but hard to resist now. Impressive wine.*



### James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2018)

*A complex and layered nose of blackcurrants, fresh mint, pine cone and red licorice. Medium- to full-bodied with fine, structured tannins. Succulent and well constructed with a solid core of black fruit. Leafy herbs and black tea character add welcome depth. Delicious. So attractive right now but will age wonderfully. 97% cabernet sauvignon and 3% malbec.*



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