

Leeuwin Estate

Leeuwin Estate Art Series Shiraz is a captivating expression of Margaret River's terroir, blending structure, elegance, and complexity into a seamless wine experience. Crafted with meticulous precision, this Shiraz is enhanced with small amounts of Viognier and Malbec, adding vibrancy and depth.

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Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 94% Syrah, 3% Viognier, 3% Malbec

Art Series Shiraz 2022

Margaret River, Australia

Region and Vineyards

The **Margaret River** region, in Western Australia, is celebrated for its **moderate maritime climate**, which ensures consistent grape ripening. Leeuwin Estate, situated in the southern part of the region, benefits from the **cooling sea breezes** that create ideal conditions for producing Shiraz with balance and complexity.

The **2022 vintage** began with a cooler-than-average spring, delaying flowering but allowing vines to grow steadily. Warm summer days and the ever-present sea breezes moderated temperatures, preserving freshness and acidity in the fruit. A late March rain spell followed by mild sunny conditions provided a **prolonged ripening period**, ensuring full flavor and tannin development in the Shiraz grapes.

Winemaking

The **Leeuwin Estate Art Series Shiraz 2022** is composed of **94% Shiraz, 3% Viognier, and 3% Malbec**, a blend that elevates the wine's aromatic and structural profile. The grapes were hand-picked and underwent **individual berry sorting** before fermentation in both open and closed fermenters.

Approximately **20% of the fruit** included whole bunches to enhance vibrancy and aromatics. The fermentations were managed with daily plunging and pumping over, ensuring optimal extraction of color and flavor. The wine was matured in a combination of **new, one-year-old, and two-year-old French oak barrels** for a total of 18 months, undergoing **malolactic fermentation in barrel**. Post-maturation, the components were blended and fined with egg white before bottling.

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby with a brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma**: A floral and perfumed bouquet dominated by **violets** and **rose petals**, intertwined with notes of **mulberries**, **raspberries**, and **currants**. Subtle layers of **graphite**, **petrichor**, and spices like **cinnamon**, **nutmeg**, and **vanilla** add complexity.
- **Palate**: Intense and structured with a core of **black pastille fruits**, **mulberries** , and **dark cherries**. A vibrant acidity underscores freshness, while **fine-grained tannins** and a mineral thread carry flavors of **coffee bean**, **cocoa** , and **black cardamom** to a long, elegant finish.

Did You Know?

The **Art Series collection** is famous not only for its exceptional wines but also for its collaboration with Australian artists. The 2022 Shiraz label features a painting by **Tommy Carroll**, titled *Nuguwarrding*, reflecting the estate's dedication to celebrating local culture.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Chargrilled lamb chops with rosemary and garlic**: The wine's tannic structure complements the richness of the lamb, while its spice notes echo the seasoning.
- **Duck breast with plum sauce**: The dark fruit flavors of the Shiraz harmonize beautifully with the plum sauce's sweet-savory profile.
- **Aged cheddar or manchego cheese**: The wine's acidity and minerality balance the cheese's richness, creating a perfect contrast.
- **Mushroom risotto**: Earthy umami flavors in the dish enhance the wine's depth and aromatic complexity.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)

The 2022 Art Series Shiraz is excellent. It is lush and persistent, with a sapid mid-palate and layers of spice and textural complexity. Very good. It remains bloody and mineral, characterized by savory tannins, pink peppercorns, nori, gravel and dried herbs, with pomegranate molasses, redcurrant and a hint of goji berry to boot. The tannins and the fruit are as one: the wine isn't encased by tannin, as so many are, rather, it IS tannin, in that the tannin exudes from its very core, like rays of sunshine. Good! Sealed under screw cap. This is due for release in March/April 2024.

95 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 95 Points (2019)

Leeuwin Estate is investing heavily in Shiraz and it shows. New plantings, clones, whole-bunch ferments and bigger barrels produce a vibrant, mid-weight style with riffs of spicy szechuan, fragrant white pepper, clove and violet to the firm red currant and cherry core; contrapuntal, creamy blackberry and crunchy pomegranate lend tension and twang. Fine-grained tannins and subtle oak, fruit and fresh acidity assert its cooler climate credentials.

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James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2019)

Delicious aromas of violets, blueberries, blue plums, pink peppercorns, cloves and cardamom. Some chocolate orange, too. It's creamy and juicy, with very well-integrated tannins and vibrant acidity. Aromatic and fresh. Drink now or hold.