



LEEUWIN ESTATE

Leeuwin Estate Art Series Chardonnay 1999

Harvey Steiman

The Wine Spectator

Oct 2002

95 pts – Wine Spectator's Top 100

Leeuwin does it again. The Western Australia winery, maker of Australia's longest-running white wine hit, has another winner in this brilliant, juicy and many-layered 1999. It brims with apple, pear, tropical fruit, almond, mineral and spice flavors that swirl together on a muscular but lithe and seamless frame. The flavors last and last and last. Has depth, length and power with-out being at all bulky.

James Halliday

WINEPROS

Oct 16 2002

97 pts

When I first tasted this wine, I lost no time in buying some. Brilliant pale straw-green, the restrained barrel ferment and delicate fruit of the bouquet gives no hint of the 14.5 degrees alcohol, nor does the youthful, vibrant grapefruit, nectarine and melon fruit of the palate. Destined to be one of the greatest Leeuwins.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate

October 2010

93 pts

The 1999 Art Series Chardonnay displays a toastier style with notes of brioche, brown sugar sprinkled oatmeal and chopped cashews over dried mango slices and apricots. Full and opulent with medium to high acid, a suggestion of minerals comes through in the long finish. Mature now, it should continue to cellar to 2014.



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The Age "Uncorked"

19th March 2002

"This superb Leeuwin chardonnay, from Margaret River, consistently occupies a place at the top of the Australian chardonnay tree...The '99 is right in the groove, with a complex bouquet that marries toasty, high-class French oak with subtle oatmeal, grapefruit and white peach aromas..."

John Jens

Invinity

February 2002

"Leeuwin have triumphed again with the 1999 release and made one of Australia's finest white wines. The Art Series chardonnay is a consistent classic and one of the few blue chip cellaring wines made in Australia. The 1999 is a worthy successor to the great 1995 and 1997 releases and demands a place in any proper Australian cellar."

David Pike

Business News

February 28th, 2002

"Leeuwin Estate 1999 Art Series Chardonnay rating 19/20. Nothing short of dynamic and certainly up there as one of the best Art Series Chardonnays released to date...Once on the palate you are struck with a viscous mouth feel, very good integration, and plenty of length. This is seamless."

Bill Thompson

The Sunday Times

February 2002

The '99 vintage, released last week at the annual Leeuwin Estate Concert, is an extraordinary wine that I reckon is in the class of the '95 and '97 and a year or two down the track may even be regarded as the best ever."

Campbell Mattinson

Wine X

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"Australia's best Chardonnay is without question Leeuwin Estate's Art Series Chardonnay from the Margaret River region of Western Australia."



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