



LEEWIN ESTATE

2002 ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

Region

Margaret River, Western Australia

Variety

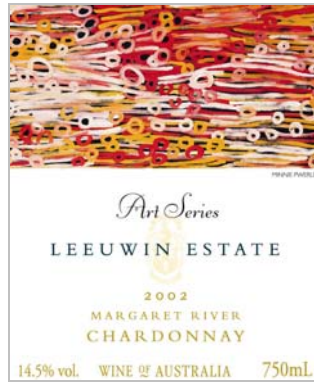
Chardonnay

Maturation

11.5 months in new French barriques

Technical Analysis

14.5% alc/vol; 7.2 g/l total acidity; 3.29 pH



Background

Leeuwin Estate produces Australia's, and one of the world's, greatest chardonnays. There is simply no other Australian chardonnay producer that comes close to Leeuwin's stellar track record. Commentators the world over marvel at these wines with Harvey Steiman of Wine Spectator noting:

"Leeuwin is the benchmark (chardonnay producer), not only for the region, but for the country as a whole. Owner Denis Horgan first planted the vines in 1974, and has been making rich, elegant, distinctive and age-worthy wines from estate grown grapes since the 1980's."

Vintage Notes

Some good early spring rain was followed by a dry and cool summer. The Chardonnay vines experienced an early budburst followed by a later than usual harvest, resulting in high quality fruit. Whilst the Chardonnay crop was lower than average the fruit was excellent for producing fine, elegant wines.

Tasting Notes

The color is vibrant straw with green edges. Aromas show very intense dried pears and figs with depth and richness enhanced by the subtle flavors of specially selected French oak. On the palate the ripe fruit flavors of dried pears are again pronounced with delicate richness from the lees stirring. The wine is long and full flavored yet elegant with great depth and lovely ripe peach aftertaste, which is in perfect harmony with the oak.

Additional Notes:

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