



## 2003 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** Paul Atwood  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 10 months in new and older barriques  
**ALCOHOL:** 13% alc/vol.

### VINTAGE NOTES:

A hot December and coolish January suggested early maturing flavours. As a result the grapes reached physiological maturity earlier and we were able to pick most varieties at lower sugar levels than in the past. The season was ideal for producing good quality wine with great depth of fruit.

### WINEMAKING:

All of the fruit was fermented in open fermenters with 15% being whole bunches to extend the fermentation time. Open fermenters were plunged and pumped over daily and the wine run to new, one, and two year old barrels for malolactic fermentation. This wine underwent malolactic in barrels and after six months the various components were blended and aged in barrels for a further four months. After assemblage, the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

### TASTING NOTES:

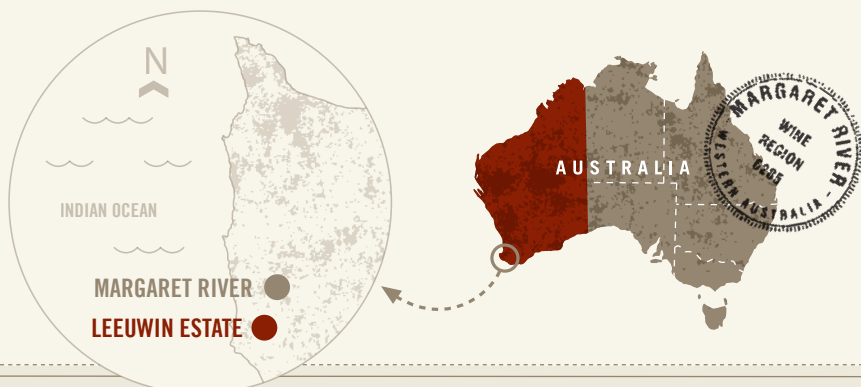
The 2003 Sibling Shiraz is a brilliant, deep purple with dark violet tints. The nose is fruit driven with lifted ripe black cherry, blackberry and plums. The complexity increases as the wine opens up with cracked pepper, spice and elegant oak. The palate is of medium weight with intense sweet black cherry, blackberry and plums following through from the bouquet, with ripe and finely balanced tannins that give the palate structure and length.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts- Wine Enthusiast, 88 pts- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, July/August 2006

### 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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