



2006 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



90 pts "Light gold. Fresh lime and grapefruit aromas are deepened by smoky lees, butter and hazelnut. Firm and sharply focused, offering a vivacious set of citrus flavors along with green apple and chamomile (this did not go through malo). Finishes with very good grip and persistence. I'd decant this if I were opening it anytime soon as it gained weight and flesh in the open bottle."

Josh Raynolds
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar
Jul/Aug 2008

90 pts "Medium straw-colored, it offers up an alluring bouquet of buttered toast, spiced apple, and tropical notes. Crisp and refreshing on the palate, it has superior depth, ripe flavors of pineapple and mango, and a lengthy, fruit filled finish."

Robert Parker
eRobertParker.com
February 2009

88 pts "Bright and generous, offering a focused mouthful of pineapple, pear and dusky spice flavors that persist on the finish."

Harvey Steiman
Wine Spectator
November 2008

"This is an outstanding chardonnay from the Margaret River region of Australia. Generous pear and peach flavors and sweet vanillin oak. It has vibrance and complexity - a full-body wine to serve with fish or fowl."

Tom Marquardt
Hometown Annapolis Capital
September 2, 2009

"You might be forgiven for thinking of Prelude as a "poor-man's Art Series" (read on) but in fact it's a good deal more than half the wine for a third of the price. Save the big boy for the next time you're entertaining royalty (or tricky in-laws), or finish the bottle in the kitchen before your guests arrive (hee hee) and then serve Prelude when they rock up. Either way, bathe yourself in this stunning wine's grapefruit blossom, fresh lemons and mellifluous texture."

Matthew Jukes & Tyson Stelzer
Taste Food & Wine, "The Best Wines of 2008"



"Leeuwin Estate 2006 Chardonnay Margaret River Prelude Vineyards (\$30). Aromatic stonefruit and fig flavors are accented with nutty vanilla, tangy citrus and cream notes that fold together on a long, fresh but complex finish. Delicious now and over the next five-plus years."

WineSkinny.com Online Review
April 2008

