



2006 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLION

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: 68% Sauvignon Blanc, 32% Semillon
FERMENTATION: 26% barrel fermented
ALCOHOL: 12.5% alc/vol.

VINTAGE NOTES:

The 2006 growing season witnessed late bud burst on all varieties at Leeuwin Estate due to a cold, wet and windy spring (pre-empting the coolest summer on record at Leeuwin). Flowering was 2-3 weeks later than usual with cropping levels smaller than average due to the long, challenging winter. The cool summer resulted in the latest harvest dates ever undertaken at Leeuwin Estate. Overall, these cool conditions were optimal for the white varieties such as semillon and sauvignon blanc, causing less flavor loss at ripening and producing wines of great intensity.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked, crushed and skin contacted in the presses for about 6 hours. The cold settled juice was racked and inoculated with pure yeast cultures. 26% of the juice was barrel fermented. All of the components were blended, fined and cold stabilized prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2006 Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon is a pale straw color with lime green edges. The vibrant fruit flavors are dominated by Sauvignon Blanc characters of freshly cut grass, gooseberries, apples, and hints of lemon and lime citrus. The palate is full bodied and luscious with sweet and herbaceous Sauvignon Blanc flavors lingering on the racy finish. This wine is intended for fresh, early drinking and is an attractive complement to many seafood dishes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 89 pts- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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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