



2007 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



95 pts “This is the chardonnay to which I now compare all others at this price. With its gorgeous, lush, green fruits, delightful exotic flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg and biscuits, it’s beautifully textured back palate and a finish that builds in flavor, this is a true prelude to the Art Series.”

**Tyson Stelzer, WBM 100
December 2008**

94 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “A not-so-junior brother to the Art Series; while the vineyard block sources are different, this is a seriously elegant wine, marrying intensity and finesse on a notably long palate.”

**James Halliday’s Australian Wine Companion
2010**

92 pts “This is a fresh, clean coastal white to pour at a clambake on Martha's Vineyard, or with grilled marron in Margaret River. The flavors are rich and opulent-but butter cream and tropical fruit-without feeling weighty or heavily oaked (it's aged nine months in new French oak). Instead it's tight and slightly floral.”

**Wine & Spirits Magazine
October 2009**

91 pts “Restrained nose and measured fruit aromas, quite primary and pure, with some gentle flinty peach and grapefruit characters showing through on the palate. Sparkling clarity and evenness, good drive and lingering richness.”

**Nick Stock & Tyson Stelzer, Wine100
May 2009**

90 pts “It displays a bouquet of toasty oak, minerals, pear, baked apples and baking spices. Medium-bodied with vibrant natural acidity, this well-balanced Chardonnay will drink well for 5-6 years.”

**Jay Miller, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
December 2009, Issue #186**



90 pts “Greenish yellow. Spicy pear and lime on the nose, with suave basil and floral honey qualities adding complexity. Sappy, round orchard and citrus fruit flavors pack good punch and pick up gentle lees and toasted grain notes with air. A spicy quality adds energy to the long, juicy finish.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2009

90 pts “Open-textured, polished and generous with its white peach-scented pear and green pineapple flavors, lingering gently but persistently.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
November 30, 2009

89 pts “Exotic and intriguing, with an intense apple, pear and beeswax character that gives over to vanilla and caramel from toasty new oak. Winds up with a unique malted milk note. Really well done and original.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
June 2010

★★★ “Wine legend Robert Mondavi helped select Leeuwin’s vineyard site and acted as a consultant to the winery during its infancy. This 2007 Chardonnay is intensely tropical, bursting with pineapple, passion fruit and thick quince paste flavors that culminate in a long, plush finish. “

Anthony Giglio
Food & Wine Wine Guide 2011

“This wine has all sorts of flavors that we’ve been missing in our Chardonnay flight. It has a faint Norwegian wood smoke aroma, not that either of us have sauna-ed naked with the girl’s Nordic ski team on maneuvers. But imagine tromping through the snow and catching a whiff of a just lit cooking fire in the distance. Now forget that, and concentrate on the sauna! This is a true prelude to the Art Series.”

Matthew Jukes & Tyson Stelzer
Taste Food & Wine 2009

“Quite a restrained chardie with a delicate precision on the palate. Has slightly creamy, melon aromas with a trace of citrus. The palate builds in richness, showing gentle roasted flavors under a light melon nuance.”

Ray Jordan, The West Australian
November 2008