



2007 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 8 months in new and older barriques
ALCOHOL: 14% alc/vol
These figures are estimates based on tank samples only. Confirmation will be available asap.

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter 2006 was mild with lower than average rainfall, resulting in an earlier than expected bud burst, but fewer and smaller bunches come fruit set. The beginning of summer was warm with little rainfall, except for a welcome 19in in the first week in January 2007, setting up the unirrigated vineyard nicely for veraison and ripening. The weather remained mild to warm throughout ripening, allowing for slow flavour development and retention.

VINIFICATION:

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 and barrel maturation.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2007 Sibling Shiraz is a brilliant deep ruby red color. The wine is strongly fruit driven with lifted, ripe mulberry, blackberry, and blood red plums balanced by vanilla, white pepper and spice. The palate is of full to medium weight with a great intensity of sweet black cherry, blackberry, and plums; this intensity carries through to a long and focused finish with fine grain tannins framing the generous soft fruit.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 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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