



2008 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Paul Atwood
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	8 months in new and older barriques
ANALYSIS:	13.8% alc/vol 3.46 pH 6.4 g/L TA

VINTAGE NOTES:

Excellent winter and early spring rains recharged the soil profile for the dry summer season ahead. Late spring was generally mild and sunny, resulting in average flowering dates for all varieties. Summer was fine, warm and sunny with few hot days. Warm, clear days with cooling afternoon sea breezes continued into March, great conditions for finishing Shiraz.

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:

Black pepper notes on the nose with nuances of spicy clove around a core of blackberry and Satsuma plum fruit and spicy French oak. The medium weight palate shows great intensity of flavour with dark raspberries and Satsuma plums. Extremely soft and approachable through the middle palate with fine grain tannins to finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

92 pts James Halliday, 90 pts International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Advocate.

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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