



2009 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.0% alc/vol. | 7.8 g/L TA | 3.20 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter of 2008 was mild with most rain falling late in the season providing high soil moisture reserves through spring and early summer. The early spring was generally fine and mild with bud burst for both reds and whites, although winds at flowering time tended to result in smaller and looser bunches. Summer was warm but with few very hot days with veraison generally even across all varieties. The whites ripened in quick succession through late February and early March with great varietal flavors and natural balance. Altogether, a very good Margaret River season.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked in the cool of the night and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for 7-10 days and then racked off the lees. The juice was warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks under controlled temperature conditions. After fermentation, the wine was fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

A wine of brilliant clarity, which has a very pale straw color with lime green tinges. The nose shows lifted aromas of citrus blossom, green apple, lime and quince mixed with a mineral edge. A wine of exceptional length, the palate displays classic Rieslings flavors of lime, grapefruit and green apple. The palate finishes with clean crisp succulent acidity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 90 pts Wine & Spirits Magazine, 89 pts Robert Parker, 88 pts Wine Spectator

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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