



2010 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.2% alc/vol. | 7.2 g/L TA | 3.26 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

2010 started out with good winter rains, setting the vines up to deal with above average yields. The atypically dry spring that followed kept disease at bay, while the warm to hot temperatures ripened the grapes earlier than usual. Harvest was hurried along by February's heat wave but the end result are clean, fresh whites with wonderful regional expression.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked in the cool of the night by machine and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for 7-10 days and then racked off gross 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:

The 2010 Riesling has bright straw green in color, with concentrated aromas of freshly cut limes, jasmine and subtle sweet spice on the nose. The palate displays ripe grapefruit, citrus and musk flavors, merging into strong lime intensity on the finish. Held together by a core of crisp acidity, the finish is typically dry and clean.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Robert Parker, 90 pts Stephen Tanzer, 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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