



2012 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Paul Atwood
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz (99%), Viognier (1%)
MATURATION:	18 months in French oak barriques (25% new)
ANALYSIS:	14.0% alc/vol 3.47 pH 6.45 g/L TA

VINTAGE NOTES:

A mild winter and spring with little hail; while rainfall was below average dams filled and overflowed. Pruning was completed in September. Summer temperatures were above average with very few hot days, the afternoon sea breeze always a welcome cooling influence. The weather was consistently fine, warm and sunny with little rain.

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:

Bright, lifted and briary nose, full of plump cherries, concentrated redcurrants, and juicy plums. Anise, cocoa and cinnamon enhance its personality with a slight dusty and chalky undertone creating harmony. Textural and layered, the palate offers fresh and lively primary red fruits; mulberries and plums, offset with a little smoke and caramel from the Burgundian oak. Depth and intensity on the palate is achieved not only by length, but with width, offering complexity with sweeter spices and savory characters.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts/**BEST BUY** Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Wine Spectator, 90 pts Vinous

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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