



## 2013 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER :** Paul Atwood  
**REGION :** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS :** Chardonnay (Gin Gin clone)  
**MATURATION :** 11 months in 100% new French oak  
**ANALYSIS :** 13.5% alc | 7.15 g/L TA | 3.11 pH

### VINTAGE NOTES :

An exceptional quality Chardonnay vintage for Leeuwin Estate. Winter was characterized by south westerly fronts sweeping showery rain into Margaret River from the Indian Ocean. Chardonnay vines began to burst in late August. In early spring the usual showery days were followed by long fine breaks resulting in good conditions for Chardonnay vine growth. Summer was warmer than average, with veraison in Chardonnay in the first week of January. Whites were harvested by the end of the first week in March, they are typically crisp, with line and varietal focus.

### WINEMAKING :

Cool de-stemmed fruit with some skin contact. The juice was settled for three days, racked with some barrels inoculated with yeast, others left to ferment naturally. 100% of the juice was barrel fermented in new French oak barriques and the lees stirred regularly. After 11 months in barrels the various components were blended, fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

### TASTING NOTES :

A concentrated and vibrant aroma, highlighted by lime curd, juicy pears and lemon flesh in the foreground. Beneath lies subtle complexities of cinnamon quill, black cardamom, amongst toasted hazelnuts and pecans. An open, textural and layered entry continues to a youthful and fine palate with laced acidity and a seamless finish. Cut limes, pears and white peach dominate the palate, woven with savory almonds, sweet spice and seamless elegant length.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM :** 98 pts - Best Chardonnay James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 96 pts Wine Spectator, 93+ pts Robert Parker's The 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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