



2009 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

Review Summary



94 pts - Best of the Best by Variety “A 62/38 blend, the varieties seamlessly joined in a never-ending circle of herb, grass, citrus and lemongrass, the finish alluringly fresh and crisp.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2011**

92 pts “This 2009 Leeuwin Estate is a blend of 62% Sauvignon Blanc and 38% Semillon. Yellow green in the glass, this refreshing and low alcohol (12.5%) wine lifts citrus and lemon aromas and flavors, paired almost equally with fresh herbs and spring rains. Very crisp and lively, and the finish is distinctly sweet and semi dry. This wine is delicious and will make a fantastic spring and summer sipper or a great companion to your guacamole and chips.”

**Jeff Lawson, www.midwestwineguy.com Blog
March 23, 2011**

91 pts “Leeuwin Estate owes its location in the Margaret River region of Western Australia to Robert Mondavi, who selected the site for owner John Horgan after an extensive search in 1972. Portions of this blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon were fermented in barrel with the remaining parts in stainless steel tanks. The color is a brilliant pale straw and the aromatics show hints of ripe melons and passion fruit. Balanced with brisk acidity, the flavors have good texture and length and the wine finishes with good fruit and 12.5% alcohol. The Aussies are very good at blending Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon and this is a good example.”

**Wine Review Online, Gerald D. Boyd
Aug 9, 2011**

90 pts “This seamless blend of roughly two-thirds Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon harnesses the best of both grapes. It has the bright herbal aspect of Sauvignon Blanc softened just a bit by the lanolin texture of Semillon. The Semillon rounds out the wine without obliterating the invigorating pungency of the Sauvignon Blanc. With a stated alcohol of 12.5 percent, it’s slightly less ripe and fresher than many white wines, which makes it even more appealing.”

**Michael Apstein, WineReviewOnline.com
September 6, 2011**



89 pts “Intense citrus and herbal aromas are complicated by notes of talc and jalapeño. Dry and nervy on the palate, offering tangy lemon and grapefruit flavors that gain flesh and sweetness toward the back. Juicy citrus and orchard fruit flavors linger on the persistent, mineral-laced finish.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2010

88 pts “Bright and jazzy, this silky-textured white delivers refreshing pear and floral flavors that linger.”

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator
June 15, 2010

88 pts “Blended of 62% Sauvignon and 38% Semillon, Leeuwin Estate’s 2009 Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon is scented of cut grass, lemon juice, fresh herbs and pea pods. With a light to medium body and high level of refreshing acidity, it gives a medium-long finish. Drinking perfectly now, it should keep its vibrancy to 2013.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
October 2010

86 pts “This has a fresh, asparagus and gooseberry scented nose with grassy notes developing in the glass. The palate has a lime-tinged entry, touches of kiwi fruit, sharp green apple with tropical undertones. It is a little angular at the moment with lime zest satisfying the palate in the finish.”

Neal Martin’s Wine Journal, www.erobertparker.com
May 31, 2010

“Racy lime, gooseberry, passion fruit and orange zest play off silky white melon and ripe apple notes, with a long, fresh finish.”

Robyn Tinsley, WineSkinny.com
September 2011