

## 2010 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Paul Atwood
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	18 months in French oak barriques (25% new)
ANALYSIS:	13.0% alc/vol   3.4 pH   6.8 g/L TA

### VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter had sufficient rainfall. Early spring was cool and cloudy; much drizzle but not a lot of significant rain through flowering. Towards the end of November the weather changed quickly to long sunny days with typical fresh afternoon sea breezes through summer. Veraison began mid-late January and harvest wrapped up on the 8th of April. Long warm sunny days without rain allowed excellent flavor and tannin ripeness.

### 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:

Dark Mulberry with a purple hue. Aromas of bright briary forest fruits and red currants with earthy gravel and Indian spice and subtle floral notes beneath providing lift. Focused and fine, the palate is medium in body and delicately textured with red cherries and ripe mulberries. Black olive, dried sage and coffee bean presents elegant layers, which are woven together with a mineral acid line and chalky structural tannin.

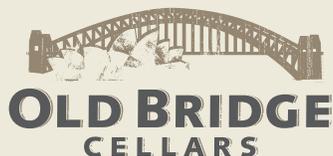
**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 90 pts International Wine Cellar, 90 pts Wine & Spirits

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