

2011 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

HORGAN

Review Summary

92 pts "The warmth of '11 in Margaret River has given birth to a Prelude of considerable volume and strength. Concentrated lemon, grapefruit and white peach draw out long and tight on a finish of finely structured acidity. In spite of its proportions, it finds an impressive harmony in its fruit presence and acid poise."

James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2014

91 pts "This may be the best vintage of this wine yet. The aromas and flavors are a lovely blend of citrus, stone fruit and roasted cashew, while the mouthfeel is creamy and lush without being soft or flabby."

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast March 2015

91 pts "Fresh and lively, with vibrant acidity to balance ripe pear and floral flavors, hinting at clotted cream as the finish lingers. Drink now through 2015."

Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider June 12, 2013

90 pts "Light yellow. Nectarine, honey and white flowers on the pungent nose. Broad and fleshy but dry, with focused orchard and pit fruit flavors and complicating notes of anise and mace. Packs a solid punch but shows very good structure, finishing spicy and long, with a lingering note of dried fig. Nicely balanced, with no excess fat."

Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July/August 2013

89 pts "The 2011 Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay offers tropical fruit aromas of mango, guava and pineapple with toasty and mealy hints. Medium to full-bodied and possessing a lovely, creamy texture and crisp acid line that cuts through the tropical fruit flavors, it finishes long.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
August 2013