



## 2010 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

**WINEMAKER:** Paul Atwood  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Shiraz  
**MATURATION:** 18 months in French oak barriques (40% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0% alc | 6.56 g/L TA | 3.49 pH

### VINTAGE NOTES:

Rainfall was above average and dams filled to capacity during winter. Flowering of all varieties occurred in cloudy, cool spring weather. By late November the weather changed quickly to long sunny days with typical afternoon sea breezes. In general, the summer was perfectly warm and sunny. Veraison began early-mid January in the whites and the reds protracted through mid-late January. The white harvest began with Riesling and Chardonnay in late February. Red varieties hung for several weeks at the conclusion of the white harvest before the last estate pick on the 8th of April. Long warm sunny days without rain allowed excellent flavor and tannin ripeness. An excellent vintage.

### VINIFICATION:

All the hand harvested 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 to undergo malolactic fermentation. After six months the various components were blended and aged in barrels for a further twelve months. After assemblage the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

### TASTING NOTES:

Fragrant and concentrated, the nose is defined by a dark fruit spectrum of forest fruits, cherries and mulberries in the forefront, with complementary layers of anise, cloves and savory oak in the background. Violets, mocha notes, and toasted brulee notes provide further substance to this classical and complex Shiraz. A bright and lively entry features blood plums, mulberries and dark chocolate. A textured and layered mid palate leads to structural chalky tannins, with a fine yet balanced natural acid line.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 94 pts James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 91 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 90+ 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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