



2004 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



96 pts “The fruit literally sings, appropriate given Leeuwin’s annual concerts; white peach, nectarine and grapefruit are the sopranos, barrel ferment and mlf the orchestra behind, the result seamless but synergistic.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2008**

95 pts “Pale lemon-straw in color, the 2004 Chardonnay Art Series is ripe and expressive with matured Chardonnay notes of cashews, toffee, pineapple paste and apricot preserves. Rich and concentrated, this medium to full-bodied Chardonnay is satiny in texture and very spicy with a fruit-laced finish.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
March 2016**

94 pts “Light gold. Intensely mineral aromas of iodine-accented peach, melon, anise, marzipan and nougat. Lush, expansive and powerful stone fruit and melon flavors really stain the palate, picking up licorice and citrus pith notes on the back. This is more linear and taut than a bottle of the superb 2002 showed recently, and has the balance to reward at least six years of cellaring. It seems to have more energy, too. As usual, one of the best Australian chardonnays of the year.”

**Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2007**

94 pts “Smooth, round and polished, this is balanced with lively acidity. Offers a generous mouthful of gooseberry-accented apple and cream flavors that are beautifully integrated and long on the finish. Has integrity and depth. Should develop with bottle age. Drink now through 2016.”

**Wine Spectator
November 30, 2007**



93 pts "The 2004 Chardonnay "Art Series" was aged for 18 months in 100% new oak with no malolactic fermentation. It offers a classic Puligny aromatic profile of mineral, butterscotch, white peach, spiced apple, and poached pear. This leads to a streamlined Chardonnay with its oak totally integrated, ripe, elegant flavors, outstanding depth and concentration, and a long, pure finish. It will evolve for 2-3 years and drink well for up to a decade as a recent taste of the 1987 (92 points) demonstrates. Leeuwin Estate is one of the benchmark wineries of Western Australia. Both reds and whites exhibit cool climate character and European elegance."

Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate
October 2007

91 pts "There's substantial fruit concentration in this citrus-scented chardonnay, along with some tannins from oak age. It has a firm, sandy feel with flavors of pine nuts and lemon curd. This vintage of Art Series will mature over ten years or more."

Wine & Spirits Magazine
February 2008

"I don't know of any other New World Chardonnay that has such consistently balanced precision and potency and an equilibrium that lasts while it mellows."

Hugh Johnson, Decanter Magazine
July 2008