



2014 PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 9 months in 100% French oak barriques (40% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 7.10 g/L TA | 3.16 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

A fabulous vintage with excellent weather conditions for developing and maintaining the delicate flavors of the white fruit. Our winemakers consider Chardonnay one of the stand out varieties of the vintage. While early spring was very windy, rainy and cool, the weather improved through October and November and December was generally fine and warm. The warm and dry conditions continued until harvest, which took place in early March.

WINEMAKING:

Cool crushed fruit with some skin contact. The juice was settled for three days, racked and inoculated with yeast. 100% of the juice was barrel fermented in French Barriques and the lees stirred regularly. After nine months in barrels the various components were blended, fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

An elegant, vibrant and fragrant nose with lemon, lime and pear in the foreground. Notes of peach blossom and subtle jasmine create lift and combines with cardamom pod, almond meal and roasted cashew. The palate has immense purity, with power and persistence. Lime and lemon pith define the palate, which carries through to a delicately layered middle, threaded with a fine mineral spine. Sesame seed and blanched almonds enhance complexity, finishing with a sparkling acid structure. This wine has energy in its youth, and will build texture with cellaring.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast, 91 pts Wine Spectator, 91 pts Vinous, 90 pts Wine & Spirits

ABOUT LEEWIN 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.

