LEEUWIN ESTATE

2015 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES RIESLING

WINEMAKER:	Tim Lovett
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Riesling
FERMENTATION:	Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS:	12.2% alc/vol.	.08% RS	7.24 g/L TA	2.88 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

Vines burst in late August into a slightly warmer and drier spring although the dams still filled and overflowed. November was cool with showers and cool southerly breezes. Early summer was cooler than average with little rain. The Riesling harvest commenced early February, nights were slightly warmer than average but there were no extremely hot days, the cooling sea breeze obvious every afternoon.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested at night and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for seven to ten days and then racked off gross lees. The juice was warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks under controlled temperature conditions. After fermentation, the wine was fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

Bright straw green in color. The 2015 Riesling exhibits concentrated aromas of citrus blossom, sweet spice, musk and subtle perfume of golden delicious apples. The palate reveals incredible freshness with soft lingering flavors of freshly cut Australian finger limes, crisp granny smith and jasmine spice which are balanced and fine, the delicate natural acidity drives the pallet into a persistent mineral finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts Vinous, 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 90 pts Wine Enthusiast, 89 pts Wine Spectator

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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