



2014 LEEWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (99%), Viognier (1%)
MATURATION: 16 months in French oak barriques (30% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 3.47 pH | 6.25 g/L TA

VINTAGE NOTES:

Another terrific vintage beginning with a wet winter and a windy spring. Flowering occurred in sunny, warm weather during early to mid-November. Temperatures throughout the ripening period were warm with very cool nights. Harvest of the reds began in the last week of March and continued into early April.

VINIFICATION:

All of the fruit was fermented in open fermenters, 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 for malolactic fermentation and barrel maturation.

TASTING NOTES:

Lifted, bright and briary, the palate expresses dark black cherries, blueberries and mulberries. Chocolate, caramel and anise surround the fruit spectrum with elevated floral notes of rose and subtle violets. Plushly textured, the palate has concentration with boysenberry and redcurrants present. Black cardamom, anise and clove sit in balance providing complexity. It is integrated and finely woven with subtle sweet oak, a delicate acid line and chalky structural tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts/Best Buy/Year's Best Australian Shiraz List Wine & Spirits, 91 pts/Editors' Choice Wine Enthusiast

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.



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