



2014 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER :	Tim Lovett
REGION :	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS :	Cabernet Sauvignon (90%), Merlot (10%)
MATURATION :	20 months in French oak barriques (30% new)
ANALYSIS :	13.9% alc/vol TA: 6.71 g/L TA pH: 3.36

VINTAGE NOTES :

A fabulous vintage with excellent weather conditions for developing and maintaining the delicate flavors of the white fruit. While early spring was very windy, rainy and cool, the weather improved through October and early summer was generally fine and warm. The warm and dry conditions continued until harvest, which took place in early March.

WINEMAKING :

After individual berry sorting and cold soaking, fermentation took place in closed and open fermenters with extraction by pumping over each individual lot three times daily. Malolactic fermentation was completed entirely in French Bordelaise coopered barriques. After nine months the separate parcels were blended and returned to oak for further maturation. Racking took place seasonally and the wine spent a total of 20 months in oak.

TASTING NOTES :

A seductive and perfumed nose with red cherries and Satsuma plums combining with violets, lavender and bay leaf. Beneath, subtle notes of star anise, cinnamon quill and nutmeg offer complexity. Delicate with gentle layers and powdery tannins, the palate has vibrancy, displaying a red fruit spectrum. Bright acidity creates a defined line through the palate. Cracked coffee bean and cacao are present on the mid palate, along with a graphite/mineral thread.

CRITICAL ACCLIAM : 92 pts/Cellar Selection Wine Enthusiast, 92 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 in Margaret River. 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.

