



2016 LEEWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLION

WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc (60%), Semillon (40%)
MATURATION: 30% for 4 months in seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | 7.12 g/L TA | 3.13 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter and spring rainfall was well below average. Spring was generally fine with good conditions for flowering through November. January and February temperatures were slightly above average, with only several non-concurrent hot days. A welcome and significant 90 mm of rain fell in January, setting up unirrigated vineyards for the remainder of the season. March and April temperatures were close to average; reflected in the slowing down of ripening over mid/late vintage. One of the best all round vintages seen.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked, crushed and immediately pressed. The cold settled juice was then racked and inoculated with selected yeast cultures, with 30% barrel fermented in seasoned French oak, the remainder fermented in stainless steel at cool temperatures. After fermentation and maturation the individual parcels were blended, fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

Bright and lifted with bursting lime, lemon zest and guava. Subtleties of jasmine, lemongrass, fennel bulb and coriander seed lie in the background. An elegant palate offers diligent texture through the middle, with a finely directed acid spine. Lemon features with finger lime, grapefruit and hints of lychee, whilst savory notes of blanched almonds and anise offer complexity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts JamesSuckling.com

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.

