



2017 LEEWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc (90%), Semillon (10%)
MATURATION: 30% for 4 months in seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | 6.89 g/L TA | 3.08 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

A wetter than average winter was followed by a relatively cool and wet spring. Flowering was 10 days later than in 2016, and generally sunny conditions resulted in excellent set across all varieties. Summer was mild with few hot days. Harvest commenced in the Riesling in the last week of February, followed by Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc in the first weeks of March. A later than usual, but nonetheless excellent vintage.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked, crushed and immediately pressed. The cold settled juice was then racked, naturally warmed and inoculated with selected yeast cultures, with 20% barrel fermented in second and third use Bordeaux 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:

A fragrant and perfumed nose with white peach blossom and jasmine, elevate the primary fruits of kiwi, lychee and lime. Beneath subtle notes of Thai basil, cardamom and chamomile offer delicate complexity. The palate is subtly textured and nicely balanced with woven layers of finger lime, passion fruit, lemon and nectarine. There is a degree of brightness that runs through the mid palate with sherbet-like acidity leading to a fine and slightly chalky finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts Wine Spectator, 91 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.



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