

## 2016 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**98 pts/TOP-RATED CHARDONNAY** “Straw-green in color and powerful from the outset. Pure, juicy pear, white peach, sparks of spice, cedar wood and wood smoke. The flavors trigger each other, the finish then a powerful sling out and onwards. Its beauty is entirely worthy of admiration. Exactly where the power stops and the delicacy starts is difficult to tell, though it seems to happen at some point, even if the wine’s insistence never lets up. The quality march of Leeuwin Art Series Chardonnay is relentless.”

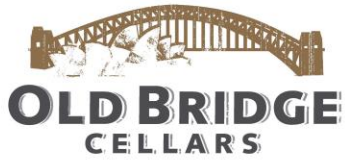
**Campbell Mattinson**  
**Halliday Wine Companion**  
**2020**

**96 pts/HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** “Refined and elegant, this white is supple, yet intense and precise, with lemon curd, apricot, honeycomb and mandarin orange flavors, accented by floral and mineral details. The secret weapon here is the sleek acidity, which weaves in and out, giving the flavors definition and verve.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**Wine Spectator**  
**October 31, 2019**

**94 pts** “Love the aromas of coconut and pralines with cooked apple, lemon and pecan-pie undertones. Medium-to full-bodied, layered and complete with a juicy and savory aftertaste. Delicious all round.”

**Nick Stock**  
**JamesSuckling.com**  
**June 26, 2019**



**93 pts** “Art Series Chardonnay has a proven track record, proprietor Denis Horgan having long ago set his sights on a long-aging style. The key is old-vine fruit from a 1975 planting at the family’s Stevens Road estate. Tim Lovett gave the juice a little skin contact and let it settle for three days before fermenting it in new French oak barrels, where it later aged, with lees stirring, for 11 months. The warm vintage made for an expansive wine, even as the fruit retains fresh meadow-flower scents, zesty lemon notes and peachy clarity. The oak plays a prominent role, adding scents of caramel and rounding the creamy texture, while the fruit persists with elegance.”

**Joshua Greene**  
**Wine & Spirits Magazine**  
**October 2019**

“Leeuwin’s Art Series Chardonnay is an Australian classic, a reference point for stylish and expressive cool-climate Margaret River Chardonnays. This version takes advantage of the site’s proximity to the Indian Ocean, which brings a maritime influence to an otherwise Mediterranean climate. The resulting fresh fruit flavors, bright acidity and supple texture make this Chardonnay one of the most distinctive wines from Australia.”

**MaryAnn Worobiec**  
**Wine Spectator Insider**  
**July 24, 2019**