



2007 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc | 6.8 g/L TA | 3.39 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

A remarkable but relatively early vintage. Harvest took place during some of the hottest March days ever recorded. While Perth sweltered at 107°F, Margaret River – betwixt two oceans – recorded 99°F. The overall flavor development and acidities pointed to a great year.

WINEMAKING:

The fruit was cool crushed with some skin contact. The juice was settled for 4 days, racked and inoculated with yeast. 100% of the juice was barrel fermented in new French barriques with the lees stirred every two to three weeks over the 12 months. After 12 months in barrel, the various components were blended, fined, cold stabilised and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

The fresh nose has lifted aromas of ripe yellow pear skins, the petals of citrus blossom, nectarine and ripe peach accompanied by hints of fig, cashews and roasted pine nuts from barrel maturation on yeast lees with integrated and stylish French oak. The rich, full bodied palate displays the mouth filling and intense flavors of fresh ripe pears intermingling with delicious stone fruit flavors, nectarine and pineapple tart. The middle palate shows richness before turning to an elegance only found in the rarest of years that focus the flavors to a long and persistent finish which is both crisp and appealing.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

95 Robert Parker, 94 pts Wine Spectator, 93 pts Stephen Tanzer, 90 pts Wine & Spirits

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. 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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