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2011 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER : Paul Atwood
REGION : Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS : Chardonnay (Gin Gin clone)
MATURATION : 10 months in 100% new French oak
ANALYSIS : 13.5% alc | 6.62 g/L TA | 3.23 pH

VINTAGE NOTES :

The winter of 2010 was cool and wet, dams filled and overflowed. At flowering the weather was fine and sunny, excellent crops were set and disease pressure was low. Spring and early summer were warm and fine with few rainy days. Berries began to veraise in very late December and early January. In January much needed rain allowed the unirrigated vineyards to have a stress free ripening period that followed. The first pick was the Pinot Noir in early February, followed several weeks later by Chardonnay, Riesling and Sauvignon Blanc. An excellent vintage. Riesling, Chardonnay and Cabernet will be the stand out wines of the vintage.

WINEMAKING :

The fruit was cool crushed with some skin contact. The juice was settled for three days, racked and inoculated with yeast. 100% of the juice was barrel fermented in new French barriques with the lees stirred regularly. After ten months in barrel, the various components were blended, fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

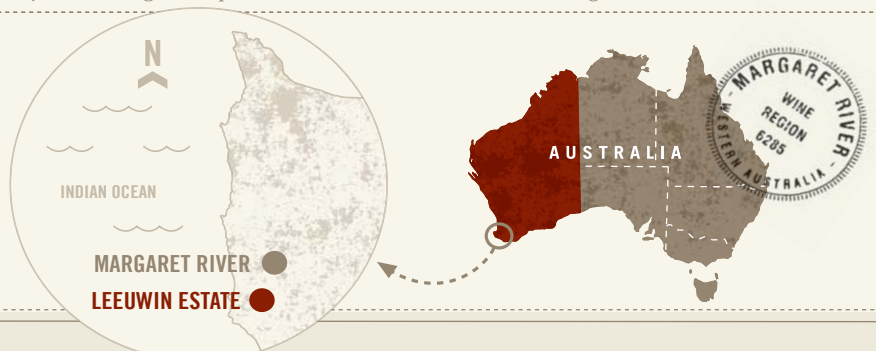
TASTING NOTES :

A youthful and expressive nose features pears, white nectarines, lime and jasmine notes. Beneath lies a myriad of toasted sesame, vanilla pod, cinnamon quill and cardamom aromas. The tight, seamless and elegant palate is highlighted with figs, quince and lemon rind characters that open towards a delicately textured and contoured mid palate. Blanched almonds and hazelnuts weave through the primary fruits and textural layers, leading to a long and defined finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : 96 pts - Top 100 Wines of 2014 #5 Wine Spectator, 94+ pts The Wine Advocate, 94 pts International Wine Cellar, 92 pts Wine & Spirit, 92 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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