



2011 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



98 pts/Top 100 Wines of 2014 “There is always cause to genuflect in the presence of chardonnay royalty, such as that of Leeuwin Estate. It imposes its will without a flicker of effort; the line between citrus and stone fruit, and between oak and mineral comes and goes, leaving you grasping at straws; it’s a wine of flawless balance, line and length.”

**James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion
2015**

97 pts/Top 25 Wines of 2015

**Huon Hooke, HuonHooke.com
December 2015**

97 pts “A magnificent vintage that blesses the characteristic towering magnitude of Art Series with gentle touch of elegance and laser-focused acidity. Early picking has transformed a warm season.”

**Tyson Stelzer, Wine Business Monthly
December 2014**

96 pts/Top 100 Wines of 2014 #5 “Rich, ripe and generous, deftly balanced to lift the pear, mango, floral and spice flavors with gentle acidity. Comes together on the supple, seductive finish, showing tremendous depth and intensity without losing any charm. Drink now through 2025.”

**Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator Insider
October 22, 2014**

94+ pts “The 2011 Art Series Chardonnay presents a gorgeous nose of honeyed apricots, orange blossoms, pink grapefruit and guava with touches of lightly buttered toast, cashews and marmalade. Medium-bodied with a wonderfully crisp acid backbone cutting through the intense citrus and toasty/nutty flavors, it finishes long and tangy.”

**Lisa Perrotti-Brown, Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
August 2014**

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94 pts – Excellent “This white gold colored Chardonnay from Australia is Excellent. It opens with a ripe pear bouquet with hints of tangerine. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, balanced and refined. The flavor profile is a delicious tangerine and pear blend with notes of pineapple. I also detected hints lemon verbena and touch of minerality. The finish is dry and its flavors drift away nicely. This Chardonnay is very food friendly. I would pair terrific Chard with seafood casserole.”

Ken Hoggins, KensWineGuide.com
October 19, 2014

94 pts “Pale, green-tinged gold. Potent scents of lime pith, orange, iodine and white flowers, with an intense mineral overlay. Juicy, tightly focused and concentrated, offering nervy citrus and orchard fruit flavors complicated by anise, chamomile and a hint of buttered toast. Shows superb energy and clarity on the finish, which clings with serious, mineral-dominated tenacity. I was reminded of a very serious Chablis here; the style of this bottling has become more taut and Old World-like in recent years, which is just fine with me.”

Josh Reynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
July/August 2014

92 pts “One of the closest things there is to a can’t-miss wine, Leeuwin’s Chardonnay is always on form. The 2011 Art Series is flamboyantly oaked, with smoky, toasty, nutty notes layered over hints of white peach and grilled pineapple. It’s less rich than some vintages have been, but still appealingly mealy in texture.”

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Enthusiast
June 2015

92 pts “From Block 20 at Leeuwin Estate, where the vines are close to 40 years old, this barrel ferments and ages in the new French oak, adding hazelnut and smoky wood spice to the clean white-grapefruit flavors. The wine feels tightly knit and harmonious, suited to age for a decade or more, or to decant for crayfish, like the yabbies that thrive in the dams at Leeuwin Estate.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2014

BEST OF THE BEST 2015: International White Wines “The property that is now Leeuwin Estate once saw a less glamorous incarnation than that of an internationally renowned wine estate. In the late 1960s, when Tricia and Denis Horgan first encountered this tract of land in Australia’s Margaret River region, its occupants were not vinous but bovine. The couple saw potential in the cattle ranch, however, and with the advice of their friend and adviser Robert Mondavi, they planted vines, built a winery, and began to produce superb Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon, as well as stunning whites, such as the Leeuwin 2011 Chardonnay Art Series Margaret River. An unabashedly Aussie take on this Burgundian grape, the 2011 vintage treats the senses to a heady perfume of peony; bold, ripe flavors of creamy pear, cardamom, and peach nectar; and a steely acidity that perks up the palate for a second sip.”

Robb Report
June 2015