



## 2014 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER:** Tim Lovett  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Chardonnay  
**MATURATION:** 11 months in 100% new French oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.9% alc | 7.23 g/L TA | 3.10 pH

### VINTAGE NOTES:

A fabulous vintage with excellent weather conditions for developing and maintaining the delicate flavors of the white fruit. Our winemakers consider Chardonnay one of the stand out varieties of the vintage. While early spring was very windy, rainy and cool, the weather improved through October and November and December was generally fine and warm. The warm and dry conditions continued until harvest, which took place in early March.

### WINEMAKING:

Cool de-stemmed fruit with some skin contact. The juice was settled for three days, racked with some barrels inoculated with yeast, others left to ferment naturally. 100% of the juice was barrel fermented in new French oak barriques and the lees stirred regularly. After 11 months in barrels the various components were blended, fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

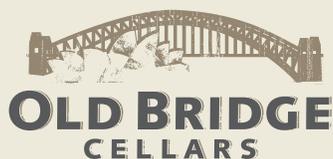
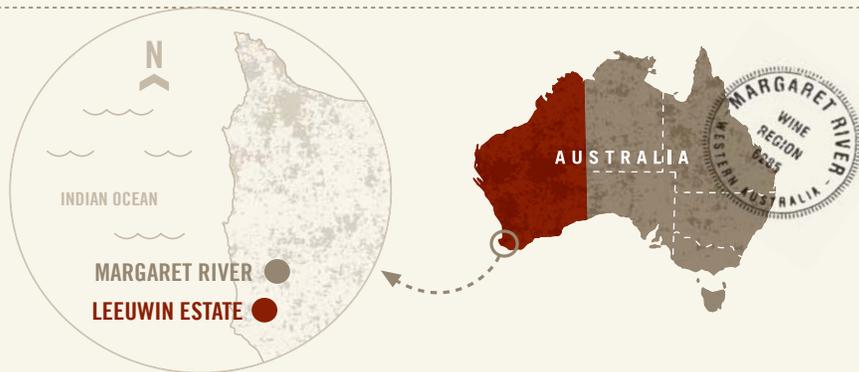
### TASTING NOTES:

A pristine and lifted nose highlighted by Nashi pears, limes, white peach and fig. The primary fruits are complimented by nutmeg, cinnamon, almonds and sesame that creates subtle complexity. The palate has concentration with clarity and purity. An introduction of grapefruit and pear lead to a delicately textured, layered and woven palate with nougat, anise and cashews present. There is immense length that finishes with a fine acid line and mineral finish.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 98 pts/Year's Best Chardonnay Australian Wine Companion, 96 pts The Wine Advocate, 95 pts JamesSuckling.com, 94 pts Wine Spectator

### 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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