

2022 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.0% alc/vol | pH 2.98 | acid 7.21 g/L

VINTAGE: 2022 provided a fantastic vintage at Leeuwin Estate. Spring of 2021 was typically wet and windy. September and October's temperatures were milder than usual, delaying shoot growth and flowering dates. Sunny conditions in early-mid November produced a surge in vine growth and a rapid period of vine flowering. Conditions were warm throughout January and February, with the welcome arrival of the sea breeze a daily constant.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were harvested at night and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for 7-10 days and then racked off gross lees. The juice was warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks under controlled temperature conditions. After fermentation, the wine was fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES: Lively and fragrant, amongst chamomile, kaffir lime leaf, Thai basil and ganagal, there is a bursting array of finger limes, lemon sherbet and grapefruit zest. Subtleties of ocean spray, samphire and petrichor. The palate is vibrant and racy, outlined again by a solid core of the citrus spectrum. Energy is revealed through a laced natural acid corridor, almost possessing a quartz-like tactile feel. The shape and frame is fine, elegant and long. Nuances of saltbush and coriander seed through the mid-palate generate unassuming complexity.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts JamesSuckling.com

ABOUT LEEUWIN: 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.

