



2015 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 11 months in 100% new French oak
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc | 6.93 g/L TA | 3.11 pH

VINTAGE NOTES:

Winter and spring rainfall was modest although the dams still filled and overflowed. November was cool with showers and southerly breezes. Summer was generally cooler than average with little rain and no hot days. As one of the best all round vintages seen, Chardonnay was a standout variety. It is typically showing incredible balance of power, long length, and an elegant finish.

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.

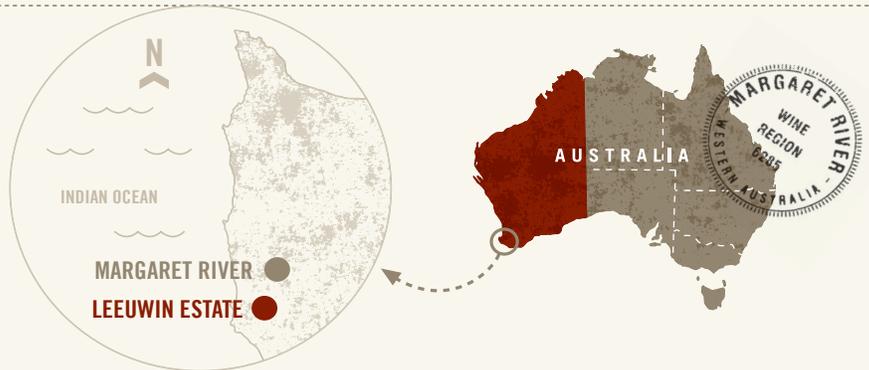
TASTING NOTES:

Classical pear skin, lime and white peach fruit spectrum defines the nose, amidst sweeter notes of nougat, sesame brittle and brioche. It is concentrated and complex with subtle fragrant jasmine and savory flint and wet stone. A tightly directed palate, yet with enviable length. Woven layers of lemon curd, cut lime and grapefruit pith penetrate throughout the palate with a distinctive mineral thread. Delicate oak use presents gentle complexing notes of cinnamon, nutmeg and hazelnuts.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 95 pts/Highly Recommended/Top 100 #38 Wine Spectator, 95 pts Wine Enthusiast, 94 pts JamesSuckling.com

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