

2013 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



98 pts/TOP 100 WINES 2016 “Supremely elegant and finely balanced, and has absorbed the new oak in a manner worthy of a Grand Cru White Burgundy, leaving the fragrant bouquet and finely structured palate of startling length to occupy center stage.”

James Halliday
Australian Wine Companion
2017

96 pts – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED “Elegant and graceful, this opens to supple lemon and tangerine flavors, accented by spice, cedar, mineral and white floral touches. Everything is precise and supple, with a juicy touch on the epic finish.”

MaryAnn Worobiec
Wine Spectator
July 2016

95 pts “More open now than it was on release, the 2013 Art Series Chardonnay is singing. Hints of toasted nuts and grilled peaches appear on the nose, while the full-bodied palate broadens and deepens into ripe tropical flavors without becoming unwieldy and crisp citrus notes bring the wine home on the long, long finish.”

Joe Czerwinski
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
January 2020

95 pts “Pale yellow-gold. A highly complex, mineral-laced bouquet evokes fresh citrus and orchard fruits, iodine, toasted brioche and white flowers, and a hint of fennel emerges with air. Shows superb depth and delineation, offering vibrant orange, pear, sweet butter and anise flavors that tighten up slowly on the back half. Powerful yet graceful, displaying superb focus and thrust on an impressively long finish that features lingering floral and mineral flourishes.”

Josh Raynolds
Vinous
October 2017



94 pts – Excellent “This white gold colored Chardonnay from Leeuwin is Excellent. It opens with a lemon, oak, almond and coconut bouquet. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied, slight acidic and nicely coats your mouth. The flavor profile is a very tasty oak infused apple with notes almond and hints of light lemon and a touch of minerality. The finish is dry and its flavors drift away nicely. This Chardonnay is food friendly and would pair perfectly with pan-seared rainbow trout.”

Ken Hoggins
KensWineGuide.com
November 28, 2016

94 pts “Fabulous flamboyance and opulence yet a freshness and brightness underneath. Full body, lemon curd, apple meringue undertones. Vibrant finish.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
February 9, 2016

93+ pts “The 2013 Chardonnay Art Series is very ripe and rich, with a tropical nose of ginger, brioche and honeyed peach. The medium-bodied palate reveals a pleasant oiliness, which is in synch with the spicy richness. The finish has great length and freshness supporting the many layers.”

Lisa Perrotti-Brown
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate
March 2016

93 pts “As always at Leeuwin Estate, the Art Series Chardonnay is a star. Now incorporating some natural ferments and slightly more solids, the 2013 features some more savory elements than in the past. A hint of pencil shavings highlights the pear and pineapple fruit, which offers plenty of flesh without being overbearing.”

Joe Czerwinski
Wine Enthusiast
February 2017

100 Best Australian Wines 2016/17 “There would be a 100 Best headline if this awe-inspiring creation didn’t make the grade. Art Series Chardonnay is a wine which impresses everyone who tastes it. On the Roadshow, each year, 2000+ people are given the privilege of assessing this exquisite Chardonnay and there is not a soul who doesn’t realize that they are in the presence of greatness. Admittedly, this quite a weighty wine but the texture is so incredible, without a trace of fat or oiliness, that in spite of its heady dimension it has the most fascinating cadence on the palate. Stunning acidity underpins the whole shebang and so you are presented with a definitive lesson in true balance.”

Matthew Jukes
MatthewJukes.com