

# 2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE

## ART SERIES RIESLING



**WINEMAKER:** Tim Lovett  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Riesling  
**MATURATION:** Stainless Steel  
**ANALYSIS:** 12.0% alc/vol. | 9.13 g/L TA | 2.87 pH

**VINTAGE:** Winter of 2018 was met with cold and wet conditions. Rainfall in June and July was lower than average, but significant rainfall in August filled dams on the Estate. The mild early spring conditions delayed flowering by approximately 10 days over much of the vineyard, before the weather improved significantly and warm blue sky days were common place. A significant 52mm of rain in late January set up the unirrigated vineyards for a perfect final ripening. Vintage commenced in the last week of February when the crisp and delicate flavours of the Riesling were harvested. An excellent vintage across all varietals.

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were harvested at night and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for seven to ten 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:** Elegance and perfume are the highlights on the nose - jasmine, lemongrass, kaffir leaf and galangal meet with the varietal pedigree of freshly cut lime and lemon. Energy and vitality is at the forefront on the palate, native finger limes is the thread with subtleties of lemon sherbet surrounding. A delicate mouthfeel through the core is gently balanced with a fine and mineral acid line.

**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.

