

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc (93%), Semillon (7%)
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 13.0% alc/vol | 7.04 g/L TA | 3.26 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.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were picked in the cool of the night by machine and immediately pressed. The juice was bottom racked off gross lees, then warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures for two weeks. After fermentation, the best individual parcels were assembled, then stirred, fined, stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES: Energy on the nose with lime, gooseberry and lemon. Higher citrus blossom notes work within lime leaf, Thai basil and fennel bulb. Sweeter, yet savory spice notes of cardamom, galangal and chamomile offer subtle complexity. A clean, fresh and vibrant palate featuring punchy native finger limes, cut lemons and guava, which layers between subtle texture and diligent oak through the mid palate with commendable length and a defined acid structure.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts Wine Spectator, 90 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.

