

## 2018 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**96 pts** “Leeuwin Estate has the game sewn up with this entry point wine. It’s so precise, so balanced, so pure. The distinction between fruit and oak is impossible to gauge, the length magical.”

James Halliday  
Halliday Wine Companion  
March 1, 2020

**93 pts** “There’s a punchy, confident appeal to this chardonnay, which has a rich peach, lemon-curd and toasted-hazelnut nose with acute freshness and fruit intensity. The palate unfurls plenty of flavorsome, ripe stone-fruit flesh and then zips taut with bracing acidity on the mouthwatering finish. Drink over the next five years.”

Nick Stock  
JamesSuckling.com  
April 28, 2020

**92 pts/EDITORS’ CHOICE** “Subtle but distinctive notes of honeydew melon, citrus, buttercup and a lick of spicy, toasty oak lead on the nose. A broad and creamy texture shines on the palate where the stone fruit and melon flavors are lifted by vibrant, citrusy acidity and a saline finish. This is a classic example of modern Aussie Chardonnay that relaxed and approachable.”

Christina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
October 19, 2020

**92 pts** “The 2018 Leeuwin Estate Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay offers excellent richness and balance. TASTING NOTES: This wine exhibits aromas and flavors of tart apple, savory spices, and chalk. Pair it with pan-fried halibut.”

Wilfred Wong  
Wine.com  
September 28, 2020



**91 pts** “The 2018 Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay is a multi-clonal blend that spent nine months in oak (30% to 40% new). Hints of caramel accent pineapple and white peach notes in this medium to full-bodied wine, while the plush, ripe, tropical fruit finishes with admirable length.”

**Joe Czerwinski**  
Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate  
January 2020

**90 pts** “This very pale straw-colored Chardonnay opens with a fragrant lemon bouquet with a hint of vanilla and cantaloupe. On the palate, this wine is medium bodied with plus acidity and some pleasant zestiness. The flavor profile is a flinty mineral infused lemon and white tea with notes of pineapple. We also detected a hint of banana. The finish is dry and rather refreshing for a Chard.”

**Ken Hoggins**  
Ken’s Wine Guide  
July 12, 2020