

2017 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



99 pts/VARIETAL WINNER BEST CHARDONNAY “This achieves another step up the quality ladder for Leeuwin Estate, seemingly impossible. There’s been no change in the vinification, nor in the vineyard. The change is an increase in the intensity of the flavours, and hence their length and aftertaste. It’s an extraordinary wine, among the greatest of Burgundy (and elsewhere in the world). Whatever you expect from its future development will be delivered.”

James Halliday, Halliday Wine Companion
August 1, 2020

98 pts “Light yellow, a very youthful colour. The bouquet has substantial oak as well as some tropical fruit, cashew nut and fluffy yeast aromas. The palate is very intense and vibrant, with nervy acidity and richness to match, the aftertaste lingering on and on. A power-packed wine that is compact and tightly-packaged, latent like an unexploded bomb! Intense and sustained grapefruit and lemon aftertaste. An impressive, high-impact chardonnay of great potential. The sheer power of the fruit is awesome.”

Huon Hooke, The Real Review
March 20, 2020

96 pts/HIGHLY RECOMMENDED “Opens rich and lush, with grilled pineapple, ripe pear and fleshy apricot flavors. Details of mineral, lime skin and Meyer lemon add a fresh thread of acidity and a sense of precision, finishing with a note of sesame seed.”

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator
August 12, 2020

96 pts/#81 TOP 100 WINES OF AUSTRALIA “Such complexity and resolve make for a very attractive nose with peaches, grapefruit, cedary oak spice, gunflint and wet stones. The palate has a plush, smoothly resolved texture with a rich, creamy texture and all-encompassing, ripe stone-fruit flavors, ahead of a very long, smooth finish. Grilled-hazelnut and apricot-kernel flavors to close.”

Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com
April 28, 2020



93 pts “The Horgan family set out to grow a long-lived chardonnay at their coastal estate in Margaret River. For them, that includes fermentation of the entire lot in new French oak barrels, an ambitious choice that can crush New World fruit that lacks the stamina and flavor depth to absorb that level of oak. But no barrel could crush Leeuwin’s fresh, oceanic 2017: The flavors crash over the wood tones like a wave of fruit, lasting on ripe apple and summery peach. It’s savory, rich enough for crab or crayfish if you decant it now, and suited to a decade or more of development in the cellar.”

Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits
October 2020

92 pts “This rich bottle is made for the long haul, and while the toasty, brioche characters of the barrel are prominent, so are the lemon- lime popsicle and peach cobbler notes. There’s a lovely, lifted line of acidity on the palate and the oak is nicely tucked away. It’s a wine for a rich meal if drinking now but is best cellared up until 2030 or longer.”

Christina Pickard, Wine Enthusiast
October 19, 2020