

2018 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES CHARDONNAY

Review Summary



99 pts “Stellar wine from a stellar vintage. The remarkable thing is that this is a wine 100 percent barrel fermented in new French oak barriques with regular lees stirring for 11 months - and it certainly doesn’t taste excessive, or even slightly oak. It has such high-fidelity purity with complex seductive aromatics of vanilla bean and light oatmeal with a cutting minerality and spicy lift. But the palate, oh, the palate. This is where things start to explode. Power, poise and persistence with a dry savouriness balancing the intense ripe fruit. It is such a long finish with an ever so slightly, chappy finish completing a remarkable wine.”

Ray Jordan
The West Australian
February 26, 2021

98 pts “Very light color, remarkable for a 4-year-old wine. The bouquet is complex and yet very fresh and restrained, showing captivating nougat aromas which lead into a concentrated, powerful yet elegant palate. Absolutely delicious array of flavors. Lemon drops, honey and myriad other aromas and flavors. Tremendous power and persistence. A sensational chardonnay.”

Huon Hooke
The Real Review
February 27, 2021

97 pts “THE ICON From an excellent vintage - warm, with very few hot days - this muscular yet lithe Chardonnay suffuses the senses with Leeuwin Estate’s clear and penetrating signature perfume of granular pear and fleshier fresh fig. Harmonious lemony acidity makes for an ultra-long, seamless finish, through a palate of acacia, lanolin, smoke and crème patisserie. The concentrated fruit effortlessly mops up the 100% new oak. A luminous, graceful and balanced powerhouse.”

Sarah Ahmed
Decanter
February 22, 2021