

## 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

**96 pts** “Translucent yellow. Powerful, mineral-accented nectarine, orange, pear nectar, iodine and pungent flowers on the intensely perfumed nose. Smooth, chewy and dry in the mouth, offering wonderfully concentrated yet vibrant orchard and pit fruit flavors complemented by suggestions of fennel, sweet butter, saffron and candied lemon peel. Shows superb definition and finishes minerally, smoky and extremely long, with lingering citrus and pit fruit notes and a touch of smokiness.”

Josh Reynolds, *Vinous*  
July 15, 2021