

2020 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.0% alc/vol. | 7.85 g/L TA | 2.97 pH

VINTAGE: 2020 produced another fabulous vintage, very characteristic of the Margaret River region. Winter of 2019 yielded typically wet and windy conditions. Chardonnay was the first grape variety to burst in the middle of August, pushed along by a prolonged period of sunny weather in late July. This was followed by the Riesling and Cabernet through late August and September. Summer was generally warm with few hot days experienced. Weather during Riesling harvest in the first week of February was warm, so Riesling grapes were harvested during the cool of the night and completed within a week.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were harvested at night and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for seven to ten days and then racked off gross lees. The juice was warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks under controlled temperature conditions. After fermentation, the wine was fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES: Bright, crunchy and full of energy. Finger limes, grapefruit and lemon sherbet combine with coriander seed, Thai basil and Kaffir leaf. Heightened jasmine and citrus blossom notes provide added fragrance and lift. Vitality and clarity on the palate, cut limes and lemons are threaded throughout. It is finely textured, giving delicate dimension combining with a mineral acid structure, leading to a talc finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 94 pts Halliday Wine Companion

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.

