

2021 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES RIESLING



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
MATURATION: Stainless Steel
ANALYSIS: 12.0% alc/vol. | 7.6 g/L TA | 2.92 pH

VINTAGE: 2021 provided a milder Margaret River vintage, but produced fruit with fantastic intensity. 2020's winter was typically wet and windy with heavy falls in July, August and September resulting in close to verage rainfall. Chardonnay was the first variety to burst in the last week of August, followed by the Riesling and Cabernet through late August and September. Summer was generally warm with few hot days experienced. Riesling harvest commenced February 22 during the cool of the night and was completed within a week. The mild summer produced excellent varietal definition with length and clarity.

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: Incredibly vibrant and expressive on the nose with layers of lemon flesh, lime juice, apples and grapefruit at the forefront. Elevated and lifted notes of lemon myrtle, sweet jasmine, kaffir lime leaf, coriander seed and sea spray promote the purity and clarity. Lively and concentrated palate with focus and finesse. Cut lime and lemon zest meet with minerality and a tightly oiled acid structure.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated. 2020v: 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.

