

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY



Review Summary

94 pts “Wild ferment, high solids, 10 months in 35-40% new oak. The cooler ‘19 vintage produced saline acid which is fine and tight. Almond meal and cashew initially; the mid palate and beyond shows attractive exotic spice complexity and great length of flavour. Green pistachio, yellow peach and brine. Regular lees stirring has built texture, but it is the intensity of fruit that makes this great: the Leeuwin chardonnay DNA is evident from the first mouthful.”

Erin Larkin
Halliday Wine Companion
December 8, 2020

94 pts “This is the product of a vintage that looked challenging but finished very good. This is a super wine in what is Leeuwin’s second tier, but really you could hardly call this second to anything. Aromas of vanilla bean and stone fruit with a squeeze of citrus to create a balancing edge. The palate is creamy and smooth. It seems to be a slight style change for this wine, with a slightly more palate friendly generosity on the middle palate. So much to like about it.”

Ray Jordan
The West Australian
February 26, 2021

93 pts “Late January rain refreshed this unirrigated vineyard, and perfectly ripe Chardonnay was harvested in early March. Burgundy clones and an element of natural ferment with turbid juice give a savoury accent and pillowy, creamy, oatmeal tones, while perfumed pear and white peach flesh out a persistent backbone of zesty lime acidity. Burgundian barrels (40% new) add classy, toasted hazelnut and vanilla nuances. Well made, complete and raring to go.”

Sarah Ahmed
Decanter
February 22, 2021

92 pts “Bright straw-yellow. Fresh melon, tangerine, vanilla and a hint of ginger on the intensely perfumed nose. Juicy and tightly focused on the palate, offering Meyer lemon, honeydew, white peach, honeysuckle and sweet butter flavors accented by a smoky mineral nuance. Silky and focused on the impressively persistent finish, which leaves chalky mineral and floral notes behind.”

Josh Reynolds
Vinous
July 15, 2021



92 pts “Such impressive richness and concentration to the fruit here with a wealth of ripe apricot and peach on the nose. Some gentle hazelnut, too. The palate is so fleshy and vividly intense and offers a very flavorful style, in the classically powerful yet balanced Margaret River mode.”

Nick Stock
JamesSuckling.com
June 11, 2021

92 pts “Prelude once again provides an approachable modern Aussie bottling. It’s ripe, but delicately so, opening with freshly sliced melon and peach, flint, toasted nuts and a faint umami note. The palate follows a similar trajectory, with lovely citrus fruit purity and an easy-going vibe. Food friendly but also totally delicious on its own, this could cellar until around 2026 but why bother? Drink up!”

Christina Pickard
Wine Enthusiast
April 30, 2022

91 pts “Gentle aromatics of peaches, melon rind, citrus, cream and spice. There’s stone fruit, guava and poached pear flavors. It’s a rich and mouthfilling wine, generous and satisfying, with plenty of zippy acidity to keep things fresh, balanced and moreish.”

Aaron Brasher
The Real Review
March 20, 2021