

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES CHARDONNAY



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Chardonnay
MATURATION: 11 months in 100% new French oak barriques
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 7.50 g/L TA | 3.18 pH

VINTAGE: 2019 was an excellent vintage in the Margaret River region, once again producing high-quality wines. Winter was met with cold and wet conditions. Whilst rainfall in June and July was lower than average, significant rainfall in August filled dams on the Estate. A significant 2 inches of rain in late January prepared the unirrigated vineyards for a perfect finish to ripening.

WINEMAKING: Cool de-stemmed fruit with some skin contact. The juice was settled for three days, racked with some barrels inoculated with yeast, others left to ferment naturally. 100% of the juice was barrel fermented in new French oak barriques and the lees stirred regularly. After 11 months in barrels the various components were blended, fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES: Purity and clarity are the hallmarks of this wine. Woven lime curd, poached pear, lemon flesh and white nectarine feature at the forefront. This vintage breathes energy with lifted Chinese star jasmine, lime blossom and ginger notes. The complexity of cinnamon quill, toasted hazelnuts, nougat, panna cotta, flint and graphite diligently lie in the background. The palate is bright and energetic, with laced mineral acidity. Bursting lemon, lime and pear skin meet oyster shell and saline notes, providing a precise corridor and direction.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 98 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 98 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 96 pts Vinous

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.

