

2019 LEEUWIN ESTATE

SIBLINGS SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 18 months in French oak barriques (30% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.89 g/L TA | 3.37 pH

VINTAGE: Clear and mild late-autumnal weather delivered red wines which display excellent flavor and tannin profiles. Winter of 2018 was characteristically cold and wet. Pruning conditions were arduous with few rain-free days, and with several days of southerly hail to add to the gruelling pruning experience. The mild early spring delayed flowering by 10 days. In late spring and early summer, the weather improved substantially and warm blue-sky days were commonplace. A significant 52 mm of rain in late January prepared the unirrigated vineyards for a perfect finish to ripening.

WINEMAKING: Fruit was fermented in both open and closed fermenters with 20% being whole bunches to enhance vibrancy and lift. Ferment vessels were plunged and pumped over daily and the wine run to new, one- and two-year old barrels for malolactic fermentation. After six months the various components were blended and matured in barrels for a further 12 months, resulting in a total of 18 months of barrel maturation. After assemblage the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Bright, elegant, and fragrant, the nose has a delicate complex of heightened floral notes of violets, lavender and cardamom, a core of dark berries, with clove, cinnamon and petrichor. Gentle textures, woven layers and bright acidity meet on the front palate. Dense plums, redcurrants and raspberries surround the mid palate with cedar and cracked coffee bean leading to long structural tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 91 pts JamesSuckling.com, 93 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.

