

# 2022 LEEUWIN ESTATE

## SIBLINGS SAUVIGNON BLANC



**WINEMAKER:** Tim Lovett  
**REGION:** Margaret River, Western Australia  
**VARIETALS:** Sauvignon Blanc  
**MATURATION:** Stainless Steel  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | 6.76 g/L TA | 3.20 pH

**VINTAGE:** 2022 provided a fantastic vintage at Leeuwin Estate. Spring of 2021 was typically wet and windy. September and October's temperatures were milder than usual, delaying shoot growth and flowering dates. Sunny conditions in early-mid November produced a surge in vine growth and a rapid period of vine flowering. Conditions were warm throughout January and February, with the welcome arrival of the sea breeze a daily constant. There was a substantial showing of Marri blossom around the vineyard and on the capes, so local birds showed little interest in the ripening grapes

**WINEMAKING:** The grapes were picked in the cool of the night and immediately pressed. The juice was bottom racked off gross lees, then warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks at cool temperatures for two weeks. After fermentation, the best individual parcels were assembled, then stirred, fined, stabilized and bottled.

**TASTING NOTES:** A nose with bounce and spark, an abundance of lychee, lime and lemon, and guava combine with the aromatics of clove, fennel bulb, thyme and lemongrass. Lively, yet complex; the perfect balance is maintained. The palate is fragrant with presence, poise, layers and textures. Bursting lime, lemon zest, mandarin and gooseberries provide the direction on the palate. The highlight is the mid-palate texture, creating balance and elegant length. Subtle sweet spices thread the aforementioned, coiled by a line of fine acidity.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** 91+ pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 90 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 90 pts JamesSuckling.com

**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.

