

2020 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 14 months in French oak barriques (33% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.89 g/L TA | 3.34 pH

VINTAGE: Typical conditions meant a wet, windy Winter, and Summer was generally warm with few hot days. Veraison was significantly earlier than usual. Harvest commenced in the final week of January, with Pinot Noir; weather continued with mild, temperate days and cool nights, allowing the reds to develop beautiful tannin, flavor and sugar ripeness. Harvest of the Shiraz began mid-March and the last Estate fruit was picked on April 4.

WINEMAKING: Selected Shiraz parcels were individually berry sorted and fermented in closed and open fermenters after cold soaking, then plunged and pumped over daily. Following completion of primary fermentation the wine was run to new, one- and two-year old barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrels and after six months the various components were blended and aged in barrels for a further eight months. After final assemblage, the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Vibrant and fragrant on the nose, sharing a purity and clarity of fruit and high notes of violets. The palate has poise and presence, neatly coiled around generous fruits, including satsuma plums, raspberries, mulberries and black cherries. Delivers poise and presence. Woven throughout is a lively and mineral acid thread, leading to a finish of fine, tactile tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts Halliday Wine Companion, 91 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.

