

## 2021 LEEUWIN ESTATE PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

### Review Summary



**97 pts** “Only Leeuwin Estate could come up with a second label of such extreme quality. The quartz-green color heralds a laser-cut wine of great purity with a perfumed, grapefruit-accented bouquet underscored by cleansing, refreshing acidity on the palate. Oak was an agent in its structure but plays no part on its palate.”

James Halliday  
Halliday Wine Companion  
June 2023

**93+ pts** “The 2021 Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay is a multi-clonal wine: Davis 1, 5, Dijon (95, 96, 76), which is distinct from the Art Series Chardonnay, which is Gingin clone solely. The vineyard sources vary as well as the winemaking practice, allowing the winemaking team to try different processes and vessels in order to tease out different characters and textures. You get almond, preserved citrus and graphite. It's complex texturally, yet still tight and linear. It's very good—both fresh and satisfying, with lightness and density at once. Flavorsome, lithe and long. “Freshness and acidity are the corridor, and we build texture and complexity around that,” says Chief Winemaker Tim Lovett. To put the complexity of the Chardonnay program at Leeuwin into context: in 2022, 32 parcels of Chardonnay came into the winery (from the estate and Peppy Park vineyards) waiting to be designated to either Art Series or Prelude; the parcels are then broken down further into batches to trial coopers, winemaking, etc.”

Erin Larkin  
Robert Parker Wine Advocate  
July 2023

**92 pts** “Leeuwin's entry-level range consistently proves an excellent intro to this longstanding Margaret River winery. Bright aromas of honeydew melon and white peach are underpinned gently by toast, cream and a saline nuance. The juicy fruit is persistent to the finish, the toasty, mineral notes flanking. Texturally, it's slippery but also carries some chalky weight. Drink now and over the next several years.”

Christina Pickard  
Wine Enthusiast  
March 2023



**92 pts** "There's an oceanic quality to the nose; lime blossom and seashells. Fresh, evolving and textured with layered complex lingering on mid palate then clean moreish finish."

Panel Tasting  
Decanter  
July 2022

**92 pts** "Aromas of baked lemons, pink grapefruit, white peaches and sweet thyme. Medium-bodied with rounded texture and bright acidity. Fresh, warm citrus character with white tea spice. Subtle tannins at the finish. Drink or hold."

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