2023 LEEUWIN ESTATE

ART SERIES RIESLING











WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett

Margaret River, Western Australia **REGION:**

VARIETALS: Rieslina **MATURATION:** Stainless Steel

ANALYSIS: 12.0% alc/vol | pH 2.93 | acid 7.9 g/L

VINTAGE: 2023 was another exceptional Margaret River vintage. A long, warm and sunny summer encouraged the development of wonderfully ripe grape bunches. Winter of 2022 was typically rainy and windy. A prolonged mid-late Spring was cool, drizzly and cloudy. There was a rapid improvement in the weather in the second week November, paving the way for a continuous run of fine warm and sunny days. Summer provided a long and perfect run for the ripening grapes, with no heat spikes or thundery rain days.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were picked in the cool of the night by machine and immediately pressed. The juice was floated immediately and then bottom-racked off gross lees before it was warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation, the best individual parcels were assembled, then stirred, fined, stabilised and bottled.

TASTING NOTES: An energetic and vibrant nose bursting with Tahitian lime, Lisbon lemon and a hint of green apple. The aromatics of fennel seed, Thai basil, and lime leaf add an extra and intriguing layer of complexity. Delicately textured, yet equally exuberant, the front palate is citrus focused, and there is minerality and brine-like structure providing elegance and finesse, leading to a finely boned acid frame with a talclike finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 89 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.











