

2021 LEEUWIN ESTATE

SIBLINGS SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz
MATURATION: 14 months in French oak barriques (20% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.39 g/L TA | 3.36 pH

VINTAGE: The mild summer produced wines showcasing excellent varietal definition with incredible length and clarity. Winter was typically wet and windy with close to average rainfall. Chardonnay was the first variety to burst in the last week of August, followed by Riesling and Cabernet. Rain in April, alongside sunny mild days and cool nights allowed the reds to develop beautiful ripe skin tannins, flavor and sugar ripeness. Harvest of the Shiraz began in the final days of March, with the last of the estate fruit picked on April 18.

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: Fragrant and perfumed, violets, lavender, black cardamom and black pepper surround the nose. The density of black cherries, boysenberries and blueberries is inherent, with delicate notes of clove, cinnamon, smoke, and petrichor. The palate is plush and luscious, with buoyant acidity, with dense Satsuma plum, redcurrant and raspberry flavors. Nuances of mocha and torched orange filter through to long structural and chalky tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 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.

