

2021 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ



LEEUWIN ESTATE
THE ART OF FINE WINE



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (98%), Malbec (2%)
MATURATION: 18 months in French oak barriques (30% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol. | 6.31 g/L TA | 3.28 pH

VINTAGE: 2021's mild summer vintage produced wines showcasing excellent varietal definition with incredible length and clarity. 2020's winter was typically wet and windy with heavy falls in July, August, and September, resulting in close to average rainfall. Chardonnay was the first variety to burst in the last week of August, followed by the Riesling and Cabernet through late August and September. 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 Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz began in the final days of March, with the last of the estate fruit picked on April 18.

WINEMAKING: Fruit was fermented in both open and closed fermenters with 20% being whole bunches to enhance vibrancy and lift. Ferment vessels were plunged and pumped over daily and the wine run to new, one and two-year-old barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine underwent malolactic in barrels and after six months, the various components were blended and matured in barrels for a further twelve months. After assemblage the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

TASTING NOTES: Layered, luscious and concentrated, the palate is focused on blueberries and mulberries. There is vibrancy, freshness and drive, defined by natural laced acidity throughout. A graphite and mineral thread foil ties in the primary fruits and acidity, leading to a diligent and polished finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 93 pts Wine Enthusiast, 92 pts Robert Parker Wine Advocate, 91 pts Wine Spectator

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.

