

2022 LEEUWIN ESTATE

SIBLINGS SHIRAZ



WINEMAKER: Tim Lovett
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Shiraz (98%), Malbec (2%)
MATURATION: 14 months in French oak barriques (20% new)
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | 6.71 g/L TA | 3.33 pH

VINTAGE: 2022 was a fantastic vintage. September and October's temperatures were mild, delaying shoot growth. Sunny conditions in November produced a surge in vine growth and a rapid period of flowering, followed by warm conditions in January and February. Harvest commenced on February 4 with Pinot Noir, followed by all whites by March 15. Some rain in late March and early April led to a classically prolonged warm ripening period for the reds. These mild, sunny conditions allowed wonderful ripe tannins and flavors to develop. The red grapes were harvested through the first 3 weeks of April.

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: A dark core of black fruit aromas are nestled within a spice melting pot of anise, cinnamon, and cardamom. Juicy and lush, there are heightened layers of violets and potpourri. Subtle dark chocolate, coffee, tar and petrichor notes add a touch of shape and frame. An abundance of mulberries, redcurrants and dark cherries create the framework of fruit. Long, structural tannins drive and direct the palate to an elegant and balanced finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92pts JamesSuckling.com

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