



2005 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES RIESLING

WINEMAKER: Paul Atwood
REGION: Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS: Riesling
FERMENTATION: Stainless Steel
ALCOHOL: 12% alc/vol.

VINTAGE NOTES:

A mild winter and gentle spring winds allowed for good flowering and berry set. The summer was generally dry, warm and clear with few hot days. Cool nights and warm days over the harvest period enabled the development of fabulous fruit varietal characters. Picking this variety at night and at dawn preserved the delicate fruit flavors. 2005 was a great year for Riesling at Leeuwin Estate and consequently, this is an outstanding example of this wine.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were picked in the cool of the night by machine and immediately pressed. The juice was cold settled with enzymes for 7-10 days and then racked off gross lees. The juice was warmed and inoculated with pure yeast cultures and fermented in stainless steel tanks under controlled temperature conditions. After fermentation, the wine was fined, cold stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Art Series Riesling is a very pale straw color with lime green tinges. The nose shows lifted aromas of citrus blossom, honeysuckle, lime and quince mixed with a mineral edge, which are indicators of an excellent wine. Displaying classic Riesling flavors of lime and grapefruit, the palate enjoys great intensity and depth of flavor. The exceptional length finishes with clean, crisp, succulent acidity. This style of wine particularly lends itself to be enjoyed with freshly shucked oysters and Asian dishes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91pts- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts- Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT LEEUWIN ESTATE:

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.



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