



2005 LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Paul Atwood
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	12 months in French oak barriques
ALCOHOL:	13% alc/vol.

VINTAGE NOTES:

The summer was generally dry, warm and clear with few hot days. The cool nights and warm days over the harvest period enabled the development of fabulous fruit varietals characters. Picking of this variety was done at night and at dawn to preserve these delicate flavors. 2005 was a great year for Shiraz at Leeuwin Estate.

VINIFICATION:

100% of the fruit was fermented in open fermenters with 20% being whole bunches to extend the fermentation and provide another layer of complexity. The open fermenters were plunged three times daily and the wine run to new, one and two year old barrels for malolactic fermentation. The wine was matured separately in the individual vineyard parcels and after ten months the various components were blended and aged in barrels for a further 12 months. The wine was then assembled, fined and readied for bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2005 Art Series Shiraz shows fragrant, lifted French oak characters with delicate, but rich aromas of blood-red plums, blackberry, licorice and chocolate. The palate is full bodied with sweet fruit from the bouquet following onto the palate and delivering flavors of blackberry, plum and spice. The mouthfeel is beautifully balanced and poised, creating a delicious and lingering finish which is framed by fine, ripe tannins.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 2005 vintage- **91 pts**- Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, **91 pts**- Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **90 pts**- Wine Spectator

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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