



2006 LEEUWIN ESTATE SIBLINGS SHIRAZ

WINEMAKER:	Paul Atwood
REGION:	Margaret River, Western Australia
VARIETALS:	Shiraz
MATURATION:	8 months in new and older barriques
ALCOHOL:	14.5% 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. The cool nights and warm days over the harvest period enabled the development of fabulous fruit varietal characters. Picking of this variety was done at night and at dawn to preserve these delicate flavours.

VINIFICATION:

All of the fruit was fermented in open fermenters with 15% being whole bunches to extend the fermentation time. Open fermenters were plunged and pumped over daily and the wine run to new, one, and two year old barrels for malolactic fermentation. This wine underwent malolactic in barrels and after six months the various components were blended and aged in barrels for a further eight months. After assemblage, the wine was fined and readied for bottling.

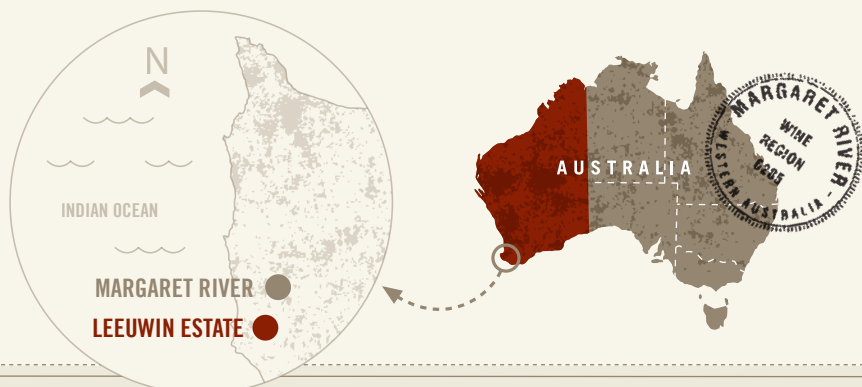
TASTING NOTES:

Ruby red in color, the nose displays lively fresh berries, pepper and complexing earthy hints. The vibrant palate leads with raspberry jellies and satsuma plums with an undercurrent of baking spice. Fine tannins provide a gentle frame for the fruit, the bright acidity lending persistent freshness.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, 89pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, 89 pts Wine Enthusiast, 88pts 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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