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2004 PRELUDE VINEYARDS CHARDONNAY

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Colour is vibrant straw with green edges.

The nose has characteristic Leeuwin chardonnay aromas of dried pears with some nuttiness from the integrated French oak.

The palate also shows dried pears with good length and elegance.

The freshness and clean acid finish belies the depth of this wine, which will continue to benefit from time in the bottle as the flavours slowly evolve under screw cap.

COMMENTS

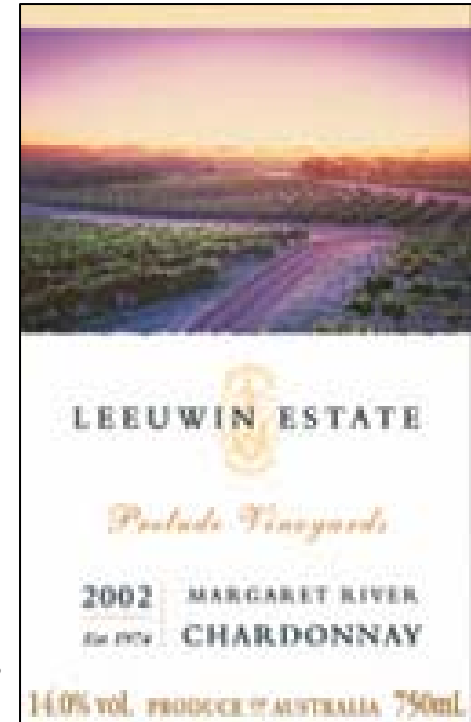
Ripe and generous, a big, beautifully proportioned Chardonnay with more peach and pear fruit than oak, with just a modest touch of it on the long, well integrated finish. 91 points.

Wine Spectator 15/11/06

Beautifully fragrant and spotlessly clean; fine grapefruit, melon and nectarine, with seamless oak. The best second label in the world? Screwcap. 14.5% alc. Rating 95. Drink 2012

James Halliday - Australian Wine Companion 2007 Ed

"This is the poor mans Art Series Chardonnay. At around \$30, it is outstanding value for a second label from this prestigious Western Australian wine estate. The 2004 release of this wine is just excellent. A pure watery white to pale straw colour demonstrates the purity of its origins. An elegant vibrant nose delivering polished fragrant stone-fruit characters. The complexity of it emits white nectarine with hints of grapefruit, apple and lemon. Lees character and a whiff of nuts add to this. This is accompanied by refreshing lively acidity giving the wine a marked backbone.



This is a serious Chardonnay - mouth watering and impressive in flavour profile. Stylish and youthful, the wine exudes a long aftertaste. Seamless in balance, the oak is integrated with hints of vanillin. Has at least 5-7 years left in it. Try it with grilled scampi. 94/100"

Paul Ippolito Talks Wine - E-Newsletter August 2006 Edition

"88 pts - Leeuwin Estate Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay 2004. The yeasty scents predict this wines smooth integration of oak. It melds firm lemon and apple fruit with cinnamon and a touch of maple sugar candy into simple, pleasantly sweet depths of flavor. Chill it for grilled chicken and apple sausages."

US Wine & Spirits magazine – February 2006

"You have to feel for the wines in Leeuwin Estate's range. No matter how good they are, they'll be forever compared to the winery's flagship Art Series chardonnay. You can't blame this big, bold chardy for wanting to make such an impression - vanilla, ripe stone fruit and mouth-warming spice, all leading to a spicy, long oak finish. This is one prima donna of a wine you can't help but love." Four stars.

Max Veenhuizen, Guardian Express, 11th October 2005

3 1/2 stars - noticeable oak and tropical fruit flavors, with a nuance of coconut in the finish;

Michael Lonsford, Houston Chronicle June 19, 2006 www.HoustonChronice.com

"Light gold. Quite forward on the nose, with intense aromas of pear, anise, honeysuckle, jasmine and magnolia; this smells like a florist shop. Strong anise on the palate, with minty apple and fresh pear flavors showing structure and focus. A fresh, youthful wine (raised in 25% new French oak) that should fill out with another year or so of bottle aging." 90 + points

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar July/ Aug 2006