



LEEWIN ESTATE

The art of fine wine

2004 SIBLINGS

SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

Pale straw with lime green edges.

This wine has a lifted floral lychee rich nose with a wonderful flinty edge combining all the characteristics to be found in Leeuwin Estate Sauvignon Blanc fruit.

The palate though fresh and zesty has an underlying basis of spicy cool climate berry fruits. The finish shows the potential to evolve into that refined citrus and honey dew melon flavour that we now find in an older Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon.

2004 was a great year for these two varieties and consequently this is an outstanding example of this blend.

COMMENTS

"Their venture into Loire Valley-inspired Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon, the 2004 Siblings, is a crisp, medium-bodied, aromatic effort possessing terrific fruit intensity, wonderful definition, and loads of honeyed cantaloupe-like fruit. This cuvee has never seen a day of oak, and is all the better for it. Enjoy it over the next several years. (90 points)"

Robert Parker Jnr, The Wine Advocate, USA, October 31, 2005

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MARGARET RIVER

SAUVIGNON BLANC SEMILLON

12.5% vol.

WINE OF AUSTRALIA

750mL

"Silver-straw color. Nuanced aromas of fresh-cut grass, honeydew, kiwi, lime and orange peel, acacia honey, spearmint and quinine: a nice melange of the characteristics of the two varieties here. Initially unyielding but filled in nicely with aeration, displaying flavors of tangy citrus, honey and mint. Finishes with a zesty minty note. 88 points."

Stephen Tanzer. www.wineaccess.com, July 2005

"Fresh, lively, exciting, fruity, acids, crispy, rushing, thirst-quenching, digestible, thrilling. Subdued nose, both grapes recognizable, freshness of the Sauvignon, richness of the Semillon. Nice and dry, lots of juices and flavour, good acids, passion fruit, berries and grassy. Nicely balanced, full glass, stays nicely fresh."

Proefschrift Wine and Food Professional Magazine (Belgium), February/March 2005

"Light, juicy and nicely focused, with impressive clarity of herb, pear and spice flavors that linger well. 87 points."

Wine Spectator, 15th May 2005

"The steady and expert signature of Leeuwin's white wine-making genius shows through even in a blind tasting. This inexpensive wine is superbly balanced and a very dangerous "just one more sip, just one more bottle" proposition. The nose has the classic white signature of delicate tropical fruit and fresh green grass. Soft and clean on the palate, it shows beautiful integration - the spicy acid contributing to a long, lingering finish that is too tempting to resist."

Scoop Magazine, Autumn 2005

"Leeuwin Estate's second-tier selections from Margaret River enjoy the uncompromising winemaking standards that the five-star winery applies to its more expensive Art Series wines.

Crafted by founding proprietor Denis Horgan's long-time sidekick Bob Cartwright, Leeuwin Estate's 2004 Siblings Sauvignon Blanc Semillon (\$22) and 2002 Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay (\$29) are wines that uphold the towering reputation of this esteemed Margaret River producer.

Siblings brings together two of Margaret River's best suited varieties and with magical effect, creating an amalgam of delicious citrus/melon flavours. Prelude Chardonnay is an elegant wine featuring judiciously integrated oak that's right out of the mould of Leeuwin Estate's flagship Art Series chardonnay which has consistently been rated Australia's finest example of the variety."

John Fordham Sunday Telegraph 7.11.04

"This is now consistently one of the very best examples of this style. I love the tight penetrating palate with its piercing acid lashing the tongue and palate. The fruit is beautifully precise and sustained with a very long finish. Great structure and mouth feel. Really zippy."

Ray Jordan's Western Australia Wine Guide 2004/2005

"3 1/2 stars - fairly soft, thanks to 40 plus percent semillon; Horgan calls this an "around-the-pool wine," with a hint of anise in the finish"

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