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### 2018 Prelude Vineyards Chardonnay

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“Leeuwin Estate has the game sewn up with this entry point wine. It’s so precise, so balanced, so pure. The distinction between fruit and oak is impossible to gauge, the length magical.” **96 points.**

*James Halliday, 2021 Halliday Wine Companion*

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“Gorgeous peachy stone fruit aromas and flavours. The palate is vibrant and alive, with the zesty grapefruit acidity giving way to gentle oak, barrel ferment and lees notes.” **18+/20.**

*Barry Weinman, Western Suburbs Weekly, September 2020*

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“This is one of the grandest and most well-appointed Prelude Chardonnays I have ever tasted. This label has gone from being the ‘second’ wine of the great Art Series Chardonnay to be a stand-alone, hero Margaret River Chardonnay in its own right. Of course, this is a little lighter and more forward-drinking than its partner wine, but if Art Series was not listed on a wine list I would not blink in ordering this magnificent Prelude in its place.”

*Matthew Jukes, Matthew Jukes’ 100 Best Australian Wines 2019/20*

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“Invariable a good wine to drink. This is as clean, fresh and straightforward as I can recall a Prelude Chardonnay to be. It’s juice with pear and run-rupened peaches and at every turn it drips with flavour. There’s a rub of creamy/cedary orak, and a welcome one, but fruit it is the main message here. Like it.”

*Campbell Mattinson, The Wine Front, February 2019*

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“Fermented in French barriques (40% new) and 9 months on lees with regular stirring. Fruit-driven bouquet with pear, citrus and stone fruit most noticeable, and a background note of nougat or marzipan, presumably an oak influence. There’s a good mouthful of flavour here, ripe and juicy, finishing with a grapefruit-like tang that lingers.” **93 points.**

*Steven Creber, 2020 Halliday Wine Companion*

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“There’s a punchy, confident appeal to this chardonnay, which has a rich peach, lemon-curd and toasted-hazelnut nose with acute freshness and fruit intensity. The palate unfurls plenty of flavorsome, ripe stone-fruit flesh and then zips taut with bracing acidity on the mouthwatering finish. Drink over the next five years. Screw cap.” **93 points.**

*Nick Stock, JamesSuckling.com, March 2020*

“Fragrant, with peppery white flower notes and orange zest details to the intense and juicy core of apricot and guava flavors. The refreshing finish showcases generous acidity and hints of lime juice. Drink now through 2029.”  
**92 points.**

MaryAnn Worobiec, Wine Spectator, October 2019

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