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2017 Art Series Chardonnay

“This achieves another step up the quality ladder for Leeuwin Estate, seemingly impossible. There's been no change in the vinification, nor in the vineyard. The change is an increase in the intensity of the flavours, and hence their length and aftertaste. It's an extraordinary wine, among the greatest of Burgundy (and elsewhere in the world). Whatever you expect from its future development will be delivered.” **99 points. Chardonnay Award Winning Varietal.**

James Halliday, 2021 Halliday Wine Companion

“A wine of pristine qualities showing a mineral, talc acid purity that cuts deep into the hallmark power and intensity. There's a little phenolic grip on the back palate. It's very much a product of the cooler 2017 vintage and is a wine that really needs a lot more time to reveal its best. I love the slightly graphite edge which contributes to its shape and lancing length.” **98 points.**

Ray Jordan, The West Weekend Magazine, 27 June 2020

“Light yellow, a very youthful colour. The bouquet has substantial oak as well as some tropical fruit, cashew nut and fluffy yeast aromas. The palate is very intense and vibrant, with nervy acidity and richness to match, the aftertaste lingering on and on. A power-packed wine that is compact and rightly-packaged, latent like an unexploded bomb! Intense and sustained grapefruit and lemon aftertaste. An impressive, high-impact chardonnay of great potential. The sheer power of the fruit is awesome.” **98 points.**

Huon Hooke, The Real Review, 20 March 2020

“The colour is still light-yellow and the wine is fresh and vibrant, still nicely restrained, and previous tasting notes still apply. It has great intensity of multi-faceted flavour and aroma, a terrific combination of concentration and refinement, the finish tremendously long. Grapefruity, but far from singular. This is in a great place to drink right now and has many years before it..” **98 points.**

Huon Hooke, The Real Review, 10 April 2021

“Sometimes you just have to lean back and marvel.

The art of Margaret River chardonnay. This is it. You don't just drink a wine like this, you set it in your mind as a benchmark. It's a wine built on power, texture and length, centre-half forward, centre-half back and ruck, with acidity roving through and the fragrance cheering loud. That seduction up front, that pure fresh peach, that huge energetic push through the back half. Blumey Charlie the crushed fennel characters here are full on. It's on the frisky side of luxury. It's damn good." **97 points.**

Campbell Mattinson, *The Winefront*, March 2020

"Opens rich and lush, with grilled pineapple, ripe pear and fleshy apricot flavors. Details of mineral, lime skin and Meyer lemon add a fresh thread of acidity and a sense of precision, finishing with a note of sesame seed." **Highly Recommended, 96 points.**

MaryAnn Worobiec, *Wine Spectator Magazine*, August 2020

"Such complexity and resolve make for a very attractive nose with peaches, grapefruit, cedary oak spice, gunflint and wet stones. The palate has a plush, smoothly resolved texture with a rich, creamy texture and all-encompassing, ripe stone-fruit flavors, ahead of a very long, smooth finish. Grilled-hazelnut and apricot-kernel flavors to close. Great to drink now, but certainly a decade of cellaring in the tank, too. Screw cap." **96 points.**

Nick Stock, *JamesSuckling.com*, March 2020

"The long-standing flag bearer for "Margs" chardonnay, this wine from the cooler - and at times challenging - 2017 season, is absolutely one of the best ever released under the Art Series label.

The bouquet really sets the scene for what's to come with complex tightly-wound notes of white pear against a background of nectarine and lemon, with new French oak at the back fighting for attention. It would be easy to mistake this as serious white burgundy. It has real power and impact on entry, which flows to serious mid-palate intensity with those pear notes continuing across the wines perfect proportions. A wine of great power and vitality, the finale is oh-so lingering with echoes of almond, lime and lemon. A grand cru white burgundy quality at a fraction of the price, which could be cellared for 15-20+ years, especially in magnum."

Frank Wilden, *Business Insider Australia*, May 2020

"This felt fancy and impressive from the very first moment it hit the glass. Bright, limey, tight and finely wrought, power and structure in spades with incredible velocity and tension in the palate.

It is a wine of pedigree and distinction. Delicious too; a rolling feast of fresh fruit, savoury notes, florals, oak and quiet minerality. Yes, thank you. Rolls Royce chardonnay." **Wine Number 3.**

WA Good Food Guide, November 2020
