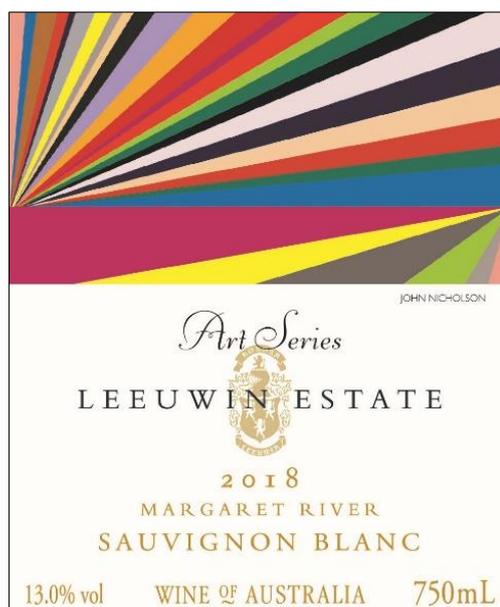


# TECHNICAL & TASTING NOTES

**WINE** LEEUWIN ESTATE ART SERIES  
SAUVIGNON BLANC

**VINTAGE** 2018

**% VARIETAL** 100% SAUVIGNON BLANC



## THE YEAR

Winter of 2017 was typically wet, with Chardonnay being the first variety to burst in late August, followed by the Riesling and Cabernet through September. Flowering in all varieties was approximately ten days earlier than in vintage 2017, and Chardonnay cap fall was mostly complete by November 13. Spring was met by generally mild conditions, with the usual showery and sunny periods resulting in excellent set across most varieties. Summer was warm with very few hot days, and veraison occurred two weeks earlier than in 2017. 2018 was a spectacular year for flowering of the local Marri trees, which kept birds distracted from the ripening vineyards. Harvest commenced in the Riesling in the middle of February, followed by Chardonnay a week later and then Sauvignon Blanc in the first weeks of March. An excellent vintage across all varieties.

## TASTING NOTES

Bursting lime, lemon, lycee and grapefruit meet with subtleties of fragrant jasmine, basil and lime leaf notes. The nose is highly concentrated with delicate complexity. The palate displays great clarity and purity. A finite fruit spectrum of lemon, lime and grapefruit unfolds to a palate that has capacity, volume and delicate textures. Precise acidity captures and creates a defined palate of vibrancy, leading to a talc like finish.

## VINIFICATION

The grapes were crushed, pressed and the juice then cold settled. After settling, the juice was racked and inoculated with 40% being fermented in twice used French oak barriques. This wine was left in barrels for 4 months to age on lees and then blended with the tank fermented wine, stabilised and bottled.

<b>FINING</b>	Bentonite and PVPP	<b>FILTRATION</b>	0.45Qm
<b>FINAL ALCOHOL</b>	13%	<b>BARREL MATURATION TIME</b>	4 months
<b>FINAL ACID</b>	7.50 G/L	<b>FINAL PH</b>	3.09
<b>BOTTLING DATE</b>	29 Nov 2018 – 30 Nov 2018	<b>RELEASE DATE</b>	November 2019
<b>AVERAGE BRIX</b>	22.5		