

TECHNICAL & TASTING NOTES

WINE Leeuwin Estate Rosé

VINTAGE 2023

% VARIETAL 100% Shiraz



THE YEAR

2023 was another exceptional Margaret River vintage. A long, warm and sunny summer encouraged the development of wonderfully ripe grape bunches.

Winter of 2022 was typically rainy and windy. A prolonged mid-late Spring was cool, drizzly and cloudy. There was a rapid improvement in the weather in the second week November, paving the way for a continuous run of fine warm and sunny days through December to early April.

A sunny fine flowering period ensured, first noted in the Chardonnay and Pinot in early November and complete by November 20. Summer provided a long and perfect run for the ripening grapes, with no heat spikes or thundery rain days. Daytime temperatures were a consistent 26 - 32C degrees. Atypically there was no Marri blossom this summer following the massive bloom in summer 2022. Subsequently, many nets were deployed to protect the harvest from birds.

The Shiraz and Cabernet grapes were harvested in April, with the final pick on 27 April.

TASTING NOTES

Watermelon, pomegranate, cranberries, and goji berries unravel towards a subtle savoury element of cedar and vanilla pod. There is fragrance in sweet spice and maple blossom, aside a salty and nori influence.

The palate is luscious and dimensional with capacity. It is bright, displaying purity and clarity of fruit in the realm of pink grapefruit and apple-like acidity, paving the way to a soft and seamless finish.

VINIFICATION

This wine is sourced from selected Shiraz vineyards with a combination of three clones - 470, Waldron, and WA Selection. Each parcel had short term skin contact, before being run off to tank for settling, racking and consequent inoculation. There was also a small portion fermented in barriques. Low ferment temperatures preserved freshness and aromatics, lasting for two weeks. Post-fermentation light fining occurred, with complete stabilisation prior to bottling.

FINING	Bentonite and milk	FILTRATION	Sterile
FINAL ALCOHOL	13%	AVERAGE BRIX	22.5
FINAL ACID	6.65 G/L	FINAL PH	3.16
BARREL MATURATION	Nil	RELEASE DATE	November 2023
BOTTLING DATE	19 - 20 September 2023		

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