

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

A wine of elegance and fruit power,

C.W. Ferguson honours the contribution of early Houghton winemaker Charles William Ferguson. During his time at Houghton, Charles established a solid reputation for Houghton Wines. It was Charles who employed George Mann, father of legendary Houghton Winemaker Jack Mann.

#### VINEYARD

100% of the fruit for this wine was sourced from the sub region of Frankland River in the Great Southern wine growing region of Western Australia. The Frankland River area is characterised by cool winters, warm summer days and cool summer nights. The soils are some of the oldest degraded granitic gravels in the world.

## 2019 VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage in Frankland River was characterized by persistent cool and dry conditions leading into a later than average commencement to harvest. The weather conditions resulted in the harvest of Cabernet Sauvignon at full flavor ripeness with fine structured tannins.

## WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit was hand-picked, sorted, and destemmed into small open top fermenters. The fermentation was carried out with indigenous yeasts and lasted for a period of eight to ten days. The resulting wine was then gently pressed off skins to tank, and completed malolactic fermentation in French oak barriques. Following 16 months maturation the wine was blended and bottled showing distinctive regional dark fruits and spice characters.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Our wine is vibrant red/purple with a garnet hue. Brooding and complex, with bright fruit characters of mulberry, plum, blackberry and cassis combined with cedar, spice, dark chocolate and hints of vanillin

WINEMAKER
Courtney Treacher

VINTAGE 2019

GROWING AREA Frankland River

ALCOHOL 14%

PH 3.42

ACIDITY 5.94 g/litre **VARIETALS** 

Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec

FOOD SUGGESTION
Enjoy with a Char-grilled

steak and hard cheeses