

A bottle of Houghton Explore Cabernet Malbec wine is positioned in the lower-left foreground. The bottle is dark with a white label that features the Houghton logo and text. The background is a dramatic, high-contrast image of a rocky coastline with white foam from waves crashing against the rocks.

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EXPLORE
Our home, our heritage, our wine.

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

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.

2021 VINTAGE

The winter of 2021 was reported as being one of the driest and hottest on record across the South West of Western Australia. This was followed by a warmer than average spring with close to average rainfall figures. The Frankland River region only received modest rainfall totals and both the Cabernet and Malbec were able to reach full ripeness. As a result, the Cabernet Sauvignon was tauter and more linear in structure and has been perfectly balanced by the natural fruit sweetness of the Malbec component.

WINEMAKER

Courtney Treacher

VINTAGE

2021

GROWING AREA

Frankland River

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 using a basket press and completed malolactic fermentation in French oak barriques. Following 16 months of maturation, the wine was blended and bottled showing distinctive regional dark fruit and spice characters

TASTING NOTES

Our wine is dark red with a youthful and luminous scarlet hue. The full flavoured palate has an imposing presence displaying complex bramble fruit, dark chocolate and a firm, but fine tannin structure. A wine of great length and flavour, complex, and perfectly balanced ensuring a long future with years of life ahead.

ALCOHOL

14.2%

PH

3.51

ACIDITY

6.3 g/litre

VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon,
Malbec

FOOD SUGGESTION

Enjoy with a Char-grilled
steak and hard cheeses