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### Background Information

Houghton was founded in 1836 by a syndicate of three British Army Officers and named after the most senior of the three — Lieutenant Colonel Richmond Houghton. Today, Houghton is one of Australia's finest, oldest and most awarded wineries. The *Houghton Reserve* range, a fine selection from our premium reserve wines, epitomises Western Australia's signature varietals.

### 2021 Vintage

The winter of 2020 was one of the driest and hottest on record across the South West of WA. This was followed by a warmer than average spring with close to average rainfall figures. Both temperatures and rainfall were above average for the Summer of 2020-21. These conditions meant that the 2021 vintage was a challenging one across all of Western Australia's wine growing regions. The 2021 harvest commenced almost two weeks earlier than the long term average. Considered decisions were needed by the viticulture and winemaking team to determine the best times to harvest the individual parcels to obtain fruit displaying full ripeness of flavour and expressive character

### Winemaker's Notes

The Chardonnay grapes are harvested at night to maintain acidity and fruit freshness. The grapes are then pressed, cold settled and racked while maintaining turbidity to provide texture and complexity in the wine. Tank fermentation is carefully monitored, with temperatures allowed to fluctuate between 15 and 20° C. The resulting wine is matured in tank with French oak and lees stirring to impart toasty flavours and a creamy texture

### Tasting Notes

Appearance:  
Pale straw with tinges of gold

Bouquet:  
Primary fruit characters of white peach, nectarine and citrus combine with hints of nougat and almond croissant. Subtle toasted oak and vanilla spice provides lift and interest to the aroma.

Palate:  
Fresh and full flavoured displaying stone fruit and citrus characters. The palate is long, medium weight and lightly textured with hints of grilled hazelnut and vanillin derived from a period of extended yeast lees contact and oaked maturation

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2021

### Growing Areas

Western Australia

### Grape Variety

Chardonnay

### Winemaker

Courtney Treacher

### Food Suggestion

Roast Chicken or creamy pasta dishes

### Alcohol

13.5%

### pH

3.36

### Acidity

6.4 g/litre