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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.

2018 Vintage

The 2018 vintage conditions in WA were nearly perfect. A return to average rainfall levels and a bright sunny Spring period in the preceding year has resulted in a high quality average yielding crop. The mild summer conditions prevailed throughout the harvest period of the Shiraz enabling steady flavour accumulation and ripeness.

Winemaker's Notes

The harvested fruit was crushed into static and open fermenters for a period of eight to twelve days. The wine was then gently pressed off skins at completion of primary fermentation and allowed to complete malolactic fermentation. Following 12 months of partial oak maturation, the wine received a gentle fining to retain the generous fruit flavours and balanced structure.

Tasting Notes

Bright crimson with purple hues. The bouquet displays lifted red berry fruits of mulberry, plum and cherry flavours with a subtle hint of charcuterie with pepper spice and mocha notes.

Medium bodied, the juicy upfront palate displays flavours of plum, ripe red berries, cocoa and mocha complexity, star-anise and Indian spices. Subtle French oak flavours provide an extra dimension and length, nicely balanced with fine tannins and soft acidity.

A wine to be enjoyed upon release, with the potential to cellar for up to 5 years for greater complexity.

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Growing Areas

Frankland River, Western Australia

Grape Variety

Shiraz

Winemaker

Ross Pamment

Food Suggestion

American style BBQ ribs or easily enjoyed also with matured cheese

Alcohol

14.5%

pH

3.62

Acidity

6.2 g/litre