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# HOUGHTON

# EXPLORE

Our home, our heritage, our wine.



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Houghton was founded in 1836 by a syndicate of British Army Officers and named after the most senior of the three – Lieutenant Colonel Richmond Houghton. Houghton has built an enviable reputation shaping the Western Australian winemaking landscape.

The Houghton Premium Release range is carefully crafted to showcase the purity of Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon.

## 2021 VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage commenced almost two weeks earlier than the long-term average. The Margaret River Region was subject to three major rainfall events throughout the season which had a significant impact on harvesting decisions.

The Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon harvest in Margaret River were at slightly lower Baume than is typical which meant that the resultant wines are full flavoured and vibrant with a tight citrusy acid line.

## WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The fruit parcels were machine harvested in the cool of night to ensure they arrive at the winery retaining all the freshness and flavour seen in the vineyard. Gentle processing of the fruit including a short period of skin contact for the Sauvignon Blanc preceded cold settling and cool fermentation to ensure vibrancy and freshness is maintained.

The Semillon parcel was fermented with indigenous yeast adding to the complexity of the wine. At the completion of fermentation, the wine components are matured on lees for a short period to enhance the textural elements of the wine. Early bottling ensured the bright regional fruit flavours in the wine are retained.

## TASTING NOTES

Flavoursome yet delicate wine displaying citrus lychees and tropical fruits combined with soft acidity for a length of the palate. Warm, ripening conditions favoured healthy and concentrated fruit with a brilliant pale straw appearance with a youthful luminous green hue.

### WINEMAKER

Courtney Treacher

### ALCOHOL

12.7%

### VARIETALS

Sauvignon Blanc,  
Semillon

### VINTAGE

2021

### PH

3.28

### FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Pairs well with lightly  
spiced Asian dishes

### GROWING AREA

Frankland River

### ACIDITY

6.2 g/litre