

## **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 Tier range is carefully crafted to showcase the purity of Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon.

## **2020 VINTAGE**

The 2020 vintage in Frankland River was marked by persistent warm and dry conditions. A drier than average Winter and little to no rain in Spring in the preceding year resulted in a high quality, low yielding crop. The commencement of harvest was the earliest on record

## **WINEMAKER'S NOTES**

The fruit parcels were machine harvested in the cool of the night and destemmed into stainless steel open fermenters. The fermentation was carried out with both indigenous and cultured 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 on French oak. Following 14 months maturation the wine was blended and bottled showing distinctive regional brooding dark berry fruits and spice characters.

## **TASTING NOTES**

Vibrant dark red with a youthful purple hue. Highly aromatic with enticing aromas of violets, mulberries and boysenberries with lifted cardamom and white pepper spices. French oak maturation adds layers of coffee and vanillin.

The vibrant and supple palate shows blueberry and cherry characters with pepper and vanillin oak spice. The palate is long and supple with very fine tannin and exceptional length.

WINEMAKER	ALCOHOL	VARIETALS
Courtney Treacher	13.8%	Shiraz
VINTAGE 2020	PH 3.55	FOOD SUGGESTIONS  Pairs well with mushroom arancini or Moroccan inspired dishes
GROWING AREA Frankland River	ACIDITY 5.7 g/litre	