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AWARDS AND RATINGS

2023 Houghton EV37 Old Vine Chenin Blanc

97 points – Andrew Caillard MW – The Vintage Journal 2026 - "*This is a beautifully focused contemporary style showing the versatility of low yielding chenin blanc. Intense lemon curd, nectarine, tonic water aromas and flavours with roasted almond, vanilla notes. A hint of crème brûlée. Pure and flinty. Exceptional. Best to drink early – 2028.*"

96 points - Ray Jordan - Wine Pilot 2024 - "*Oh my, we're on to something here. Chenin blanc has been a part of Houghton from 1937 when Jack Mann created the famous White Burgundy (now White Classic) from Swan Valley chenin blanc. This has been made from old vine Margaret River chenin and is a stunning expression of a variety that continues to reveal new chapters to its playbook. Has a smoky citrusy aroma with muted tropical fruits. The palate is intense and complex with tremendous depth and persistence. Has a chalky feel with a characteristically fine bright mineral acidity. It has cellaring potential.*"

95 points - Sam Kim - Wine Orbit - "*Poised and restrained, the delicately lifted bouquet shows crunchy apple, apricot, fig and lemon peel aromas. The palate is concentrated and structured with outstanding depth and persistency. Wonderfully framed by saline texture and vibrant acidity, finishing lingering and mouth-watering. At its best: 2027 to 2040"*

94 points - Tom Kline - Wine Pilot - "*Pale straw colour. Rich nutty and smoky aromas lift from the glass initially, before melding with stone and citrus fruits - toasted almond, white peach skin and flesh, lemon preserves, charred lemon. Warmth and air unlock some lees derived notes and help it all fill out and come together. There's a glimmer of salty minerality adding appeal along with some emergent flinty reduction. The palate has a creamy texture cut by grapefruit pith, peach skin and lemon zest before bright acidity cleans and freshens for a long finish. This is a zesty, textural and complex Chenin with lovely defined fruit. Be sure to decant to let it shine.*"

