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HOUGHTON

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Our home, our heritage, our wine.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A wine of elegance and fruit power, C.W. Ferguson honours the contribution of early Houghton winemaker Charles William Ferguson. During his time at Houghton, Charles established a solid reputation for Houghton Wines. It was Charles who employed George Mann, father of legendary Houghton Winemaker Jack Mann.

VINEYARD

Fruit for this wine was sourced from the sub region of Frankland River in the Great Southern wine growing region of Western Australia. The Frankland River area is characterised by cool winters, warm summer days and cool summer nights. The soils are some of the oldest degraded granitic gravels in the world.

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 the 2020 harvest was the earliest on record. The Justin Vineyard produced a low yielding crop with intensity of flavour and fine, firm tannins.

WINEMAKING NOTES

The fruit was hand-picked, sorted, and destemmed into small open-top fermenters. The fermentation was carried out with indigenous yeasts and lasted for a period of eight to ten days. The resulting wine was then gently pressed off skins using a basket press and completed malolactic fermentation in French oak barriques. Following 16 months of maturation, the wine was blended and bottled showing distinctive regional dark fruit and spice characters

TASTING NOTES

Our wine is dark red with a youthful and luminous scarlet hue. The full flavoured palate has an imposing presence displaying complex bramble fruit, dark chocolate and a firm, but fine tannin structure. A wine of great length and flavour, complex, and perfectly balanced ensuring a long future with years of life ahead.

WINEMAKER

Courtney Treacher

VINTAGE

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GROWING AREA

Frankland River

ALCOHOL

13.7%

PH

3.46

ACIDITY

6.4 g/litre

VARIETALS

Cabernet Sauvignon,
Malbec

FOOD SUGGESTION

Enjoy with a Char-grilled
steak and hard cheeses