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# Houghton Stripe Cabernet Shiraz Merlot 2007

## Background Information

Since 1859 the historic Houghton Winery in Western Australia has been famous for its distinctive wines. Today, Houghton continues the tradition by consistently producing award-winning wines of exceptional quality and character.

Houghton sources the finest fruit from vineyards in all of the premium viticultural areas across Western Australia, to craft exceptional wines that truly reflect their regional origins.

## 2007 Vintage

2007 was regarded as one of the better red wine vintages in Western Australia. Moderate rainfall in the spring meant the vines were in excellent health in the lead up to the harvest. The weather stayed warm and dry throughout the ripening of the grapes and during the harvest period. The resulting Cabernet, Shiraz and Merlot fruit were of excellent condition and flavour.

## Winemaker's Notes

The fruit was harvested between 12.5 and 13.5 Baume and crushed and fermented as separate parcels. Fermentation on skins in static fermenters lasted 7-9 days. Following fermentation, the wine was gently pressed off skins and then matured in French oak for 12 months before being blended and bottled.

## Tasting Notes

The colour is a brilliant dark cherry red with a scarlet hue. The nose displays concentrated aromas of forest fruits and maraschino cherries. It is further enhanced by dark chocolate and nutmeg combined with lashings of charry oak. Dense and rich, the juicy palate displays raspberry and prune fruit, with chocolate and liquorice notes. Clove and nutmeg spice and fine tannins give the wine structure and length.

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### Vintage

2007

### Food Suggestion:

Enjoy with your favourite  
Italian pasta dish

### Alcohol

14.1

### Growing Areas

Western Australia

### pH

3.5

### Grape Variety

70% Cabernet Sauvignon  
24% Shiraz  
6% Merlot

### Acidity

6.0 g/litre

### Winemaker

Rob Bowen