

HOUGHTON



# Houghton Stripe White Classic 2008



## 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.

## 2008 Vintage

Refreshing rain in the spring replenished the soils and enabled the vines to produce healthy canopies. The 2008 vintage began early due to warm summer conditions which culminated on Boxing Day when the temperature reached the mid 40's. Warm daytime temperatures were moderated by cooler evenings that enabled the grapes to ripen gradually, achieving vibrant fruit flavour.

## Winemaker's Notes

Selected fruit parcels, predominantly from the Swan Valley region, are harvested at the optimum flavour and sugar/acid balance. The juice is gently pressed and then cold settled to achieve clarity. Early bottling ensures that the bright fruit flavours that are a hallmark of this Australian wine are retained.

Recognised as a truly iconic Australian wine, Houghton White Classic may be enjoyed as a young wine when fresh and fruity. Careful cellaring of up to a decade will enable it will develop delightful toasty and marmalade bottle age complexity.

## Tasting Notes

Pale straw in colour, this wine displays tropical fruits on the nose with pronounced peach, melon and citrus bouquets.

The palate is juicy and fresh and the wine displays notes of tropical fruits, lime, pineapple and pear. The finish is long and flavoursome.

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## Vintage

2008

## Food Suggestion:

Chicken served with  
roasted pumpkin, parsnip  
and new baby potatoes  
drizzled in olive oil.

## Alcohol

13.5%

## Growing Areas

Western Australia

## pH

3.1

## Grape Variety

Chenin Blanc  
Chardonnay  
Semillon  
Muscadelle

## Acidity

6.6 g/litre

## Winemaker

Rob Bowen