



CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2007

A fine wine of elegance, fruit flavour and power balanced by soft fine tannins, Jack Mann is the finest Cabernet produced by Houghton. Accordingly, it is named after legendary Houghton winemaker, Jack Mann.

Vineyard:

Jack Mann Cabernet is harvested from the Justin Vineyard in the Frankland River region. This region is characterised by cool winters, warm summer days and cool summer nights. The soils at Frankland River are degraded granite gravels that are some of the oldest in the world. The Cabernet grapes for this wine are harvested from a small patch of vines which are over 35 years old in the centre of the vineyard. The clone of Cabernet, is an original Houghton clone developed by Jack Mann.

Vintage:

2007 was regarded as one of the better red wine vintages in Western Australia. A typical 'Indian Summer' weather pattern provided an extended warm and dry growing season ensuring phenological ripeness. The harvested fruit displayed exceptional colour and flavour intensity matched with sweet, ripe tannin.

Winemaking:

The grapes were hand-harvested, hand sorted, crushed and then fermented in small open top fermenters. During fermentation, the caps were gently plunged to ensure rich colour, flavour and tannin extraction. The resultant wines were pressed to new and one-year-old French oak barrels from selected Bordeaux coopers. After maturing in oak for eighteen months, the wines were blended, fined and bottled with minimal filtration.

Description:

The wine is dense in colour, being deep purple-red with a bright scarlet hue. The bouquet has intense aromatics of blackberry, cassis and dark berry fruits, black olive and hints of mint with dark chocolate and fine cedary French oak. The palate is full-flavoured, rich, intense and complex. Concentrated, classic varietal fruit flavours are evident and supported by integrated fine French oak. The plush sweet fruit flavours are long on the palate and supported by the firm, fine tannin structure. A beautiful wine in every respect.



Rural Finance Trophy for the Best Claret style or Cabernet Sauvignon,
Royal Melbourne Wine Show, 2010.

Gramp, Hardy, Hill Smith Prize for Outstanding Wine of Provenance
for vintages 2001, 2004 & 2007. Royal Adelaide Wine Show, 2010.