

Faber Vineyard

Faber Vineyard was established in 1997 by well-known winemaker John Griffiths. The dream is to grow regionally distinctive grapes and craft wines that are rich and flavoursome.



2013 Donnybrook Durif

Geographe, WA

We discovered Durif by chance. A grower from Donnybrook asked us if we could make their wine and brought their fruit to us. It was our first experience making Durif after 30 years of winemaking. We were aware of Durif's reputation for producing tannic wines and with that in mind set about making this wine - attempting to achieve concentration of flavour without excessive tannin or astringency.

This small batch was fermented for just a week in an open fermenter prior to pressing. The free run and pressings components were blended together and racked to oak after completing fermentation. Aged in hogsheads for 15 months to soften and integrate it has come together beautifully.

We love the result - dark, rick, succulent. The wine has distinct blackberry fruit characters, with a full fleshy sweet fruited palate. We believe this is a very good representation of Durif.

“Excellent concentration. The Faber Vineyard reds are in ripping form. Dense, dark flavours of plum and prune with coffee, chocolatey, violet highlights. Fresh, gumleaf notes. Fine grained tannin. Touch of alcohol warmth. Needs a little time but it's all here. Great that this is sealed with a screw cap.”

Campbell Mattinson - The Wine Front

92 points, drink 2016 - 2024

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