

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.*

2008 RESERVE SHIRAZ

Swan Valley, WA

The wine is dark red in colour. The nose is dense and brooding with sweet black & red berry fruit aromas, and hint of mocha, chocolate & earth. The palate is powerful and full bodied. It has massive layers of sweet blackberry & plum jam. It is absolutely mouth-filling. The firm tannins are carried effortlessly by the intense fruit flavours. It is very long, with a powerful yet soft finish and leaves a delicious lingering flavour.

We seek to not only make the best possible wine with our Reserve, but a wine that is characteristic of our vineyard and true to our style over the years. This wine meets this ambition admirably. Its richness, generosity, and power make this wine stand out. Despite this it is one of our softest Reserves. This seductive wine is an outstanding Reserve that will improve and mature for many years to come.

2008 was a warm dry season and we had one of our lightest crops ever - just less than 2.5 tones from 2 acres. The handpicked fruit was chilled overnight and crushed into an open fermenter. After 10 days on skins the must was pressed and completed fermentation in tank before racking to two new French hogsheads a week later. The wine was racked and returned just once before being transferred from oak after 21 months.

Awards & Reviews

GOLD MEDAL

2011 Swan Valley Wine Show, 2011

"A plum, violet and ferrous-flavour wine with juicy acidity & a full-bodied but easy going character. It flows beautifully along your tongue and is a great introduction to the joys of this (largely) unheralded estate".

Campbell Mattinson, Gourmet Traveller Wine, Aug/Sept 2011

"Griffiths has been doing some mighty good things with Swan Valley shiraz but none has been better than this cracker. Has all the power and fruit concentration of those earlier ones yet the poise and elegance of this quite stunningly refined shiraz sets it apart. Seamless and silky palate with a long, long finish. Has some cellaring in it too".

Score 95/100 Cellar 10 years

Ray Jordan's 2011 WA Wine Guide

"Has a bit of perfume for sure - recalling things like lavender, gum leaf and mint - then into black fruit, liquorice and a Montélimar chocolate, to pick one out of the tray. Its full bodied, rich, smooth and thick with some attractive tarry flavours adding interest. Submerged tannins reach out and grip on the finish. Slightly too warm in there, but the fruit and depth provide adequate insulation. A big black style and one I like - the antitheses of cool climate Shiraz".

Rated : 93 Points

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, March 2011

