

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 RICHE SHIRAZ

Swan Valley, WA

The wine displays a deep purple colour. The nose has dense sweet fruit, plum pudding and chocolate, with dusty oak notes.

The palate is big and full with loads of ripe fruit with grippy oaky tannins. It has a firm full bodied finish..

This wine is quite bold and full by the standard of previous Riches, but it still has plenty of flavour and fruit sweetness that characterise those wines. I believe it will develop beautifully for several years to come.

2008 was a 'normal' vintage after the cool 2006 and hot 2007. This wine is a blend of fruit from Millard's vineyard and our own, picked on the 4th and 16th of February respectively. The must was drained off early to concentrate the colour and tannin in the remaining juice and skins.

The wine was fermented dry on skins and then pressed and racked to barrel. A small proportion of new French and American oak hogsheads were used, the balance one and two year old American. After ten months in oak the wine is stabilised and filtered prior to bottling in January 2009.

"The front label mentions that the making of this wine employed a 'technique that concentrates colour, flavour and tannin'. It sure has a lot of each.

Spunk of a wine. Tastes of aniseed and earth and, despite the above, there's nothing about it that seems tricked up. It just tastes great. Indeed it tastes of the earth, always a nice thing. Very enjoyable red wine."

Rated : 91 Points

Campbell Mattinson & Gary Walsh, The Big Red Wine Book 2010/11

"Strong crimson-purple; supple, black fruits on the generously endowed, medium-bodied palate, the tannins fine and the oak well-integrated. High quality cork"

90 Points: Published on 15 Feb 2009

James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion 2010

"A solid and impressive follow-up to the fleshy 2007. This has some awesome power and fruit concentration with a seamless and perfectly integrated palate. Sweet, ripe fruit with lifted stewed plum and cedary oak. Very nice wine with some cellaring potential

Score 89/100 Cellar 10 years

Ray Jordan 's WA Wine Guide, 2010

