

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.*

2009 DWELLINGUP CHARDONNAY

Peel, WA

The colour is pale straw. The wine has a lifted nose of almost floral stonefruit aromas with yeasty & toasty characters evident. The palate is crisp, vibrant & mineral. It brims with pear & quince flavours, hints of lemon zest & oaky notes. It has lovely length of flavour with a smooth yet fresh finish.

We have great faith in the quality of chardonnay fruit grown on Orondo Farm at Dwellingup. Chardonnay naturally lends itself to a complex range of winemaking options, and we continue to explore these in making this wine.

The fruit was hand picked and whole bunch pressed. The juice was entirely fermented in French oak hogsheads - a mix of new & one & two year old. The wine lees were regularly stirred whilst the wine matured for eight months in the barrels prior to bottling in December 2009.

Reviews

"... I can tell you I've pretty much liked everything I've tasted from this producer thus far. Pear, honeydew melon along with tasteful vanilla and cinnamon oak with some of those 'Teddy Bear' biscuit flavours I often taste in Leeuwin Estate Chardonnay.

It's gentle and glossy with fine acidity, a little lick of citrine freshness and some savoury lees complexity. Shows a touch of warmth but overall offers a lovely glass of real Chardonnay character. Composed.

I've scribbled that it 'cruises like a Cadillac', which seems a strange thing to say, but there you have it. I wrote it".

92 Points

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front February 2011

"This fruit is sourced from the cooler southern Dwellingup region. It's a thoroughly beautiful fine lean and elegant chardonnay. Has been given the full treatment with whole bunch pressing, barrel fermentation and extended lees contact. Through this it has retained a fine delicacy in the modern idiom".

Score 94/100 Cellar 4 years

Ray Jordan's 2011 WA Wine Guide

"Very pale straw-green; whole bunch-pressed, barrel-fermented and kept on lees for eight months, this is a delicate, tangy chardonnay that barely acknowledges its sojourn in oak".

92 Points

James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 2011

