

# 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 MILLARD VINEYARD SHIRAZ

*Swan Valley, WA*

**The wine is a deep burgundy red.**

**It displays pungent spice, roast herbs, mint and cedar aromas. It is dense and concentrated with intense meshing flavours of spice and roast lamb and herbs.**

**It has a wonderful depth of fine grained tannins which frame the superb length of flavour. Finishes soft yet powerfully, with rich fruit and oak flavours and gentle tannins.**

**An absolutely delicious wine, a total contrast to the Reserve Shiraz – much more spice than plum fruit, elegant and gentle. From the beginning this wine displayed white pepper and spice aromas and flavours we have never before seen in Swan Valley shiraz. As different as it is, it is hard to predict how it will develop in the cellar. Undoubtedly it will continue to improve for many years to come.**

Gary Millard planted his vineyard at the same time as Faber, using the same source of rootlings as us – Houghton's Frankland River vineyard.

Located just 800 metres further up the slope from us we have always considered that Gary's fruit should be comparable to ours. Since 2005 we have blended his fruit into our Riche Shiraz, and from the outstanding 2009 vintage we expected the best portion to make the Reserve Shiraz blend.

Strangely, the best portions from Faber and Millard's were very different – despite identical winemaking! So rather than blend this wine into the Reserve we bottled it separately and here it is!

### **Awards**

#### **GOLD MEDAL**

2011 Swan Valley Wine Show

*"Possessed of an excellent palate, and with an impeccable winemaking background, the quality of John's wines is guaranteed".*

*James Halliday, Australian Wine Companion*

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