

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 RICHE SHIRAZ

Swan Valley, WA

The wine is a dark purple red. The nose displays intense inky plum skin and red berry aromas, with perfumed toasty oak. The palate is full and rich, warm and mouthfilling. It is crammed with thick plummy flavours, with a super length of sweet fruit finishing with a soft tannin grip. An excellent example of Riche Shiraz - classic Swan Valley sweet fruit flavours and smoothness. Super right now and likely to improve for at least 10 years in bottle.

2009 was a great year for reds in the Swan Valley. A reasonably normal season weather wise followed good winter rains.

This wine is a nearly equal blend of Faber's shiraz harvested on 14 February and Millard's shiraz harvested on the 18th.

As usual the fruit was cold soaked then fermented on skins in 3 tonne open fermenters for 10 days prior to pressing. It was aged for nine months in a mix of new and one year old French and American hogsheads and bottled in January 2010.

Reviews

"Charismatic and authentic is how it presents. Black fruit, leather, vanilla spice and creamy toasted French oak with some licorice richness. Full bodied, dark and brooding but with flickers of red fruit and spice letting in glimmers of light. There's a little warmth but no heat to speak of, along with an appealing rugged tannic impact and balanced acidity - no jarring or jangling that one might expect to find in a hot climate wine. Flavours of ironstone and mineral carry through to the finish. I've written 93 or 94 at the close of my note - either way it's a top quality wine of considerable character".

Rated : 94 Points

Gary Walsh, The Wine Front, June 2011

"Lifted notes of spicy vanillin oak overlay the generous, plummy characters of the fruit. The palate has supple tannins with a certain granular character. The fruit shows a control and finesse you don't often get in the Swan Valley. It is a powerful, opulent wine that's designed to be more approachable as a youngster than the Reserve, which is drawn from more concentrated fruit. Ripe fruit, but there is not even a suggestion of over-ripe portiness. Perfect with lamb shanks".

94/100

Wine Ray Jordan, The West Weekend, June 11-12, 2011

"Light colour, good hue; using only free-run juice has resulted in a medium-bodied palate that nonetheless carries its alcohol well, and allows the interplay of spice, red and black fruits, and French and American oak free play.

92 Points: *Published on 23 May 2011*

James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion, 2012

