

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.

2011 Reserve Shiraz

Swan Valley, WA

Hand picked Shiraz from our own vineyard is used to craft this intensely powerful wine, which drinks impressively as a youngster but will age and develop for decades to come.

Macerated and fermented in open vats, the best portion of the wine is racked to new Burgundy hogsheads for 22 months. It is racked from barrels and bottled 2 days later and aged for 15 months in bottle before release.

The wine is a deep, dark red colour. The nose is dense and dusty with hints of marmite and leather aromas. The palate is full, taut, raw and steely with flavours reminiscent of green tomatoes and dense, dark plum skins.

Overall this wine demonstrates some grip but finishes smooth and soft with an outstanding finish.

“Big warm hearted wine from big warm hearted John Griffiths. Black fruit, but with a kind of boysenberry and raspberry liqueur lilt, tar and earth, aniseed, a little spice, banana and coffee oak – deep smelling wine. Full bodied, black fruit with pippy sort of raspberried flavour and acidity, the typical ferrous quality that grapes grown his part of the world seem to have, and a rugged, yet pliant, set of open weave tannin. Raspberry liqueur and coffee rolls on the long fresh finish. Needs a bit of time to settle, but has all the makings of a good Reserve.”

94 points, Drink 2016–2024+

Gary Walsh—The Wine Front

