

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 RICHE SHIRAZ

Swan Valley, WA

Crafted from Swan Valley Shiraz grown in Baskerville on our own vineyard and also Millard's vineyard, picked on the 29th and 24th January respectively.

Fermented for 10 days in 3-tonne open fermenters prior to pressing. The wine was aged for 10 months in a mix of new and old French and American hogsheads prior to bottling in January 2012.

The wine is a wonderful cherry-red colour. The nose displays spicy, dusty characters with plum skins and cherries.

The palate is taut, young and tight. Rich cherry and ripe fruit flavours together with grippy tannins and a surprisingly soft finish.

Youthful and brash this is a typical Riche: full-flavoured, sweet-fruited, with supporting oak characters. Its softness makes it attractive early drinking, but history tells us Swan Valley reds such as this easily age for 20 years plus.

"You have to love this terrific example of Swan Valley Shiraz. Strikes an ideal balance between the silky smooth fruit and the fine grained American and French oak. Beautifully composed palate with chalky tannin and oak in support. Good flavour intensity and a very long finish. One of the best under this label."

94 points, Cellar 12 years

Ray Jordan - Western Australian Wine Guide 2013

"Raisins, mulberries, boysenberries. It benefits from air; the oak settles down and the fruit comes largely to the fore. Almost a ferrous quality here. Excellent drinking, in its own way. Juicy shiraz."

89 points, Cellar 3-8 years

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