

Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Chardonnay 2013

Posted on 20 September 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

“Freshness, richness, drinkability”. So it says on the back label, and so the wine tastes in the glass.

It would be hard to find someone who didn’t enjoy this. It’s sunny with flavour but lengthy and refreshing. Pear, citrus, some peach, some oak-spice. In short, it’s bang on.

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 13.5%

Drink : 2014 - 2018



Faber Vineyard Durif 2012

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Excellent concentration. The Faber Vineyard reds are in ripping form. Dense dark flavours of plum and prune with coffeed, chocolatey, violetty highlights. Fresh. Gumleaf notes. Fine-grained tannin. Touch of alcohol warmth. Needs a little time but it’s all here. Great that this is sealed with a screwcap.

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 14.5%

Drink : 2016 - 2024+





Faber Vineyard Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Posted on 22 September 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

Aged for 18 months in French oak. Bottled direct from barrel. Tweaked label design too (old label pictured here).

Luscious style of cabernet. Intense, soft, generous. The kind you can 'serve to anyone'. Awash with blackcurrant, sultana, boysenberry, black earth and smoky cedary oak. It packs a punch but feels fresh throughout. Sails on through the finish. Tannin has melted almost entirely into the fruit. Deceptively complex. Can be consumed young or with age.

Rated : 94 Points

Alcohol : 13.5%

Drink : 2014 - 2024



Faber Vineyard Riche Shiraz 2013

Posted on 21 September 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

Matured in both French and American oak. Swan Valley shiraz.

Strong with fruit and oak flavour. Blueberry and plum with malty vanilla and choc-coffee flavours embedded but dominant. Rich, smooth style. Needs time for it all to knit and bed down. Knife, fork, juicy steak and a glass of this and you'd be pretty set.

Rated : 91 Points

Alcohol : 14%

Drink : 2015 - 2021





THE WINE FRONT

Faber Vineyard Swan Verdelho 2014

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Definition. Flavour. Crisp but soft. This verdelho has a lot going for it. Intense burst of apple and tropical fruit flavour. Push of musky/spicy through the finish. Works beautifully as a fresh, fruity, youthful white wine but it has a few other tricks up its sleeve to boot.

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 13.5%

Drink : 2014 - 2018



Faber Vineyard Millard Shiraz 2012

Posted on 20 September 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

From the Millard Vineyard in the Swan Valley. One barrel only.

Intense shiraz. Super concentration of fruit and oak. Cedarwood, smoky vanillin, black- and blue-berried fruit, cloves. Silken as it oozes through the mouth. Threaded with firm-ish tannin. Oak is slightly overplayed, you could argue, but the fruit is of ripping quality.

Rated : 93+ Points

Alcohol : 14.5%

Drink : 2016 - 2022



Faber Vineyard The Scarp 2014

Posted on 20 September 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

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Rated : 88 Points

Alcohol : 12.8%

Drink : 2014 - 2016



Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Semillon 2014

Posted on 20 September 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

Dwellingup Semillon. In the WA region of Peel. Spends a brief amount of time in oak but is essentially fresh and fruit-driven.

Tasty wine. Very tasty. Tropical fruit, sweet-edged, apple and fennel, spice. Bursting with aroma and then eager-to-please in the mouth. Good length. Noticeably textural. Highly enjoyable. .

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 12%

Drink : 2014 - 2018



Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Mourvedre 2013

Posted on 4 April 2014

By Gary Walsh

Less of a success than last years model.

For the synaesthetes among us, this is a very purple smelling wine. Blue and red fruit – floral and peppery – banana split vanilla of older oak, some dried herb. Medium bodied, quite fresh and tangy – acidity pretty sharp and bitey here – silty open weave tannin, decent finish. Needs a bit of time, maybe.

Rated : 87 Points

Alcohol : 14%

Drink : 2016 - 2020



Faber Vineyard Grenache 2013

Posted on 4 April 2014

By Gary Walsh

A new wine and new labels from Swan Valley stalwart, John Griffiths. Dry grown Grenache from Andrew Pruno's vineyard, grown in laterite ironstone gravel along the base of the Darling Scarp.

Light in colour and pretty to smell. Shows a little sweet spiced banana oak, dusty musk Grenache perfume, red fruits, cherry cola and subtle dried herb. Light to medium bodied, savoury rather than fruit sweet but does have juicy red berry flavour, light playful kitten's tongue tannin and even acidity that's fresh, but unobtrusive. Clean length. Minor amount of warmth, but nothing overbearing. Lovely wine. Lively. Great to drink. Well done.

Rated : 92 Points

Alcohol : 14.5%

Drink : 2014 - 2020





THE WINE FRONT

Faber Vineyard Reserve Shiraz 2011

Posted on 5 March 2014

By Gary Walsh

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

Rated : 94 Points

Alcohol : 14.5%

Drink : 2016 - 2024+



Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Chardonnay 2012

Posted on 5 February 2014

By Gary Walsh

Where's Dwellingup again? I've got Peel, Geographe and Blackwood Valley in my list.

Struck match, almond, honey, white peach and melon. Medium bodied, slight warmth, silky, a bit flinty, shows some cashew oak and savoury lees work. Decent length. Good points, but small negatives on the ledger are it's a little bit coarse and lacking in focus. All up though, smooth and enjoyable.

Rated : 90 Points

Alcohol : 13.5%

Drink : 2014 - 2017





THE WINE FRONT

Faber Vineyard Riche Shiraz 2012

Posted on 24 January 2014

By Gary Walsh

From the Faber vineyard and Millard's vineyard, further up Haddrill Road.

Quite perfumed but black fruited with a little spice and vanilla marzipan oak. Full bodied, slight over-ripe dried blueberry and plum flavour but also with that ferrous and earthy quality that seems to be typical of these vineyards. Carries a little warmth and open weave lightly chalky tannin, but the grunt is good in context. Finish is perfumed and sweetly fruited and earthy all at once. Bold style, but one with style.

Rated : 91 Points

Alcohol : 15%

Drink : 2014 - 2020



Faber Vineyard Liqueur Muscat

Posted on 1 January 2014

By Campbell Mattinson

Incredibly intense fortified offering from Faber Vineyard.

Quite unbelievably concentrated. Liquid toffee/coffee. Nuts and a whisper of rancio. Big alcohol burn, as is the style. Treacly. If you have any inclination towards Australian fortified muscat, you are quite sure to love drinking this.

Rated : 94 Points

Alcohol : 18%

Drink : 2014 - 2018

