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Faber Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon 2010

Posted on 30 January 2013.

It's described on the front label as a full-bodied style but I'm not certain that it is.

Indeed it tastes juicy and medium bodied at every turn. Leather, mounds of dried herbs, mulberried and an itch of blackcurrant. Bay leaves, and lots of them – perhaps so much so that these character end up making the wine seem bitter. Needs some time to mellow, I suspect.

Rated : 89+ Points

Alcohol : 13.5%

Price : \$48

Closure : Cork

Drink : 2016 - 2021

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Faber Vineyard Petit Verdot 2011

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Grown on the Faber vineyard in the Swan Valley but also at Dwellingup – an area south (and slightly inland) of Perth. Matured in all French oak hogsheads.

Oak is the first thing you notice here. It's all musk and violets, spice and creamy custard. I thought it was all a bit too much at first, despite its terrific smoothness and even-tempered flow through the finish. Then I let it breathe. And while the oak remained, sweet boysenberried fruit rose up through it. This is a juicy, medium-bodied wine with a lot of oak but a lot besides to offer. Decanting is advised. But given time to either breathe or integrate in the cellar, it's pretty damn good.



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