

Faber Vineyard Swan Verdelho 2013



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John Griffiths from Faber Vineyard and Winery from the Swan Valley caught my yen for verdelho's Australian vibe and duly collected some local examples, six to be precise, and sent them to me for interest. Thoughtful. So, in possession of six Swan Valley verdelhos, a variety so often maligned and mocked, I duly followed up (late albeit) and tasted them with a bunch of 'peers' to give them light of day. Here follow reviews:

It feels like a lot of effort is put into best grapes and thoughtful winemaking with this wine. It's not a 'cellar door wine' as many verdelho gets deigned. Length is impressive, that's a notable, but there's finer detail in the wine than suspected too – fruit and acidity mesh with syncopation, a steel-like mineral vein traces its way across the palate, gentle sweetness lingers, but there's a fine chalky pucker that mops it up. Complex verdelho wine. Finely wrought verdelho wine. Super drinkable and with fine balance. Impressive. I'd even cellar some too. Super.

Rated: 93 Points Price: \$22.50 Drink: 2013 - 2023



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