



## Great wine drives: Swan Valley, Western Australia

*Heading west to one of Australia's best kept secrets is a wonderful way to expand your appreciation of this region's marvellous wines. Just a well-arc'd wine spit away from Perth, the historic Swan Valley is buzzing with a growing plethora of cellar doors, restaurants and cafes.*

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### WINES FOR THE BOOT

2008 Faber Vineyard Reserve Shiraz, A\$55

John Griffiths has single-handedly transformed the quality of Swan Valley shiraz through the example he has set with his family wines and through his work as a consultant and force for change. Lower yields have been a key, so this delicious shiraz has the richness, power, weight and concentration you'd expect; brooding aromatics, dense blueberry, chocolate and dark plum flavours. It could do with some further time in the bottle but is an excellent example of the region's finest red variety.