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Faber Vineyard Swan Valley Grenache 2014

Variety: Grenache Drink by: 2023
Region: Swan Valley Date tasted: 3/3/2015
Alcohol:14%

This puts a completely new face on the general impression of Swan Valley red wine. It's delicate, pretty and perfumed with a cruise of tannin and inbuilt complexity. It has berried fruit, not heavy but sweet and appealing, matched to twiggy herb and crushed fennel seed notes. The longer you look, the more you see, the more you like.

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Faber Vineyard Reserve Swan Valley Shiraz 2012

Variety: Shiraz Drink by: 2030
Region: Swan Valley Date tasted: 2/2/2015
Alcohol:14.5%

Rigid lines of tannin keep rolls of liquorice, coffee grounds and asphalt-like flavour in trim, taut shape. It's no mean feat. It's a wine with a dark, heady heart of flavour and lots of it, but it's also a wine with no real alcohol warmth: a cool-head-in-a-crisis kind of wine. Creamy oak hovers without ever getting in the way. The longer you sit with this wine the grander it seems.

RATING **Faber Vineyard Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon 2013**

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Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon Drink by: 2025

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 3/3/2015

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The logo for Faber Vineyard, featuring the brand name in a white, cursive script font set against a solid black rectangular background.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Abundant cassis, leather and earth notes with a veneer of vanillin oak. Powerful, well-integrated and lengthy with a positive future ahead; if you can keep your mitts from it. It's already drinking well.

RATING **Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Chardonnay**
2013

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Variety: Chardonnay

Drink by: 2019

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Faber Vineyard Petit Verdot 2013

Variety: Petit Verdot Drink by: 2021
Region: Swan Valley Date tasted: 3/3/2015
Alcohol:14.5%

It's been flirting with elegance in recent years but this year it embraces it completely. It's ripe, midweight, pretty and perfumed, presenting a deliciously long, graceful series of berried/floral flavours.

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Faber Vineyard The Scarp 2014

Variety: Wh Blend Drink by: 2019
Region: Swan Valley Date tasted: 3/3/2015
Alcohol:12.8%

Blend of Swan Valley verdelho, chenin blanc and semillon. If ever a region was qualified to make such a blend it's the Swan, and if ever anyone was going to make a good fist of it it's John Griffiths at Faber. It's perfumed, lively, immediately inviting and satisfying.

It's all about fruit but it's not without class. Bargain.

But just damn good drinking, full stop.

Alcohol:13.5%

Plenty of upfront appeal but long and steely at the same time. Peach, pear, citrus and spicy oak flavours. Will improve over the next couple of years too.

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Faber Vineyard Riche Swan Valley Shiraz

2014

Variety: Shiraz

Drink by: 2024

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 2/2/2015

Alcohol:14%

Rich oak and black fruit, super smooth and yet robust and powerful. Wealth of dark berries, toast, coffee and earth. Takes no prisoners but smiles as it goes about its work.

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Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Mourvedre

2014

Variety: Other Reds

Drink by: 2021

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 3/3/2015

Alcohol:13.8%

Sits in the pod alongside the '13. Light but fresh and aromatic. Berries, garden herbs, fresh leather and musk. Drinkability is in inverse proportion to its weight.

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Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Malbec 2013

Variety: Malbec

Drink by: 2020

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 3/3/2015

Alcohol:14.5%

Light but charming. Boysenberry, leather, game and red cherry with a coating of vanillin oak. You'd almost describe it as racy. Spicy/twiggy finish. Blend of drinkability and complexity is excellent.

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Faber Vineyard Noble Sauvignon 2013

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Region: Swan Valley Date tasted: 3/3/2015 Variety:

Sweet white Drink by: 2016

Alcohol:12%

Tastes good; smells a bit challenging. Sweet, lively, apricot jam and lime flavours. Not intense but not

hard to take. 375ml.