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## TASTINGS BY HUON HOOKE

### TOP AUSSIE WHITE

**Faber Verdelho, Swan Valley 2009**

'This is a delightful white wine and 2009 has been outstanding in the Swan Valley. Full of passionfruit and stone-fruit aromas, loaded with fruit flavour and beautifully balanced, with seamless acidity.....'

91/100

**Food:** Prawn and mango salad

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### VERDELHO

"Verdelho is one of those wines that people like to drink but experts tend to pooh-poo. It's often slightly sweet, and has a broad palate, as opposed to refined and delicate. It's not for cellaring and, could seldom be said to be complex, but many enjoy its bold, upfront, generous fruitiness. The aromas tend to vary from spicy to herbaceous, especially in Western Australia for some unknown reason. In the Hunter Valley, a Verdelho stronghold, its aromas often remind me of musk sticks, those timeless confections that tasted just the same in my distant youth.

Len Evans once said Verdelho is never a great wine, although it can be good. I agree with that. On the positive side, it is never expensive. It goes well with composed salads and vegetable-based dishes".

### FABER VINEYARD 2006 SWAN VERDELHO

Good refinement, tight structure, good length - not fattening with age. Slightly lolly aroma; avoids the sweetness of many WA verdelhos.

*Huon Hook, Good Weekend Magazine, November 17, 2007*

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