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Rutherglen is the Australian region most closely identified with luscious, ultra-complex old fortified wines, but the Swan Valley also has some rippers.

I've reviewed more than 80 sweet and fortified wines this month, and the cream on the top are some astonishing Swan Valley fortifieds: [Taliancich](#) Julian James Liqueur Shiraz ([tasting](#)), an extraordinary old fortified wine, scores 98 points, and [John Kosovich](#) Rare Muscat ([tasting](#)) is just a whisker behind it, while [Lamon](#)'s Liqueur Shiraz ([tasting](#)) and John Griffiths' [Faber Vineyard](#) Liqueur Muscat ([tasting](#)) are right up there, too. Nothing against Rutherglen, but in a world where fortified wines are seldom given their due, the Swan Valley deserves its share of the glory.