



WINE RAY JORDAN

Golden valley

The Swan Valley does a lot of things well but there are two varieties that it does extra well — chenin blanc and verdelho. These two distinctive white varieties have been Swan staples for decades and the recent Swan Valley Wine Show provided further evidence of just how good they can be. With spring upon us there is no better time to visit the Swan and pick up some winners — in most cases they are not available in retail outlets and may be in limited supply at the cellar. These all won gold medals at the show.



Faber Vineyard verdelho 2009 (\$42.50)

This is a re-release of a wine I liked when it first came out some years ago. And it's why the guys in the Swan have always championed this variety as a drink now or cellaring proposition. This is so good. Developed a hint of toasty character but there is still primary verdelho in there. 94/100 (**Best drinking: Now to 2019.** Alc: 13.5%)