
RATING

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Faber Vineyard Swan Verdelho 2006

Variety: Verdelho
Region: Swan Valley

Drink by: 2020
Date tasted: 28/1/2014
Alcohol:13%

Well, well, when first tasted a little under 7 years ago, its price was \$12, and it received 86 points. It is still pale straw-green, but that's where the similarity ends. It is very complex, and with great drive, its flavours of white fruits with a wholly enjoyable touch of phenolics on the finish.

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Faber Vineyard Petit Verdot 2012

Variety: Petit Verdot
Region: Swan Valley

Drink by: 2025
Date tasted: 25/1/2014
Alcohol:13.5%

Bright purple-crimson; part from Swan Valley, part from Dwellingup (Peel), a petit verdot that goes close to achieving outright elegance, its blackcurrant/blackberry fruit laced with fine tannins; best of all is its moderate alcohol, inviting the second glass.

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Faber Vineyard Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon 2012

Variety: Cabernet Sauvignon
Region: Swan Valley

Drink by: 2042
Date tasted: 16/2/2014
Alcohol:13.5%

Everything about this wine speaks of its elegance: its modest alcohol, its vibrant purple-crimson colour, its fragrant cassis and redcurrant fruit, its fine-grained tannins, its quality oak, its harmony, and its fantastic length. All of that said, only the wine-stained cork may shorten its life.

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**Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Chardonnay
2012**

Variety: Chardonnay

Drink by: 2022

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 7/1/2014

Alcohol:13.5%

Thoroughly modern. Fine-boned and lengthy. Needs time to build flesh but you'd make plans on the promise. White peach, spicy oak, chalk and citrus. Delicious burst of flavour through the finish. Could easily rate higher in time.

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**Faber Vineyard Riche Swan Valley Shiraz
2013**

Variety: Shiraz

Drink by: 2030

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 16/2/2014

Alcohol:14.5%

From three Swan Valley vineyards; the saignee method was used to run off part of the juice prior to fermentation, concentrating colour, flavour and tannins (not alcohol); matured in American and French oak. Dense purple crimson; the wine does have exceptional concentration, but avoids the trap of excess tannins. You can't expect much more at this price.

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**Faber Vineyard Millard Vineyard Swan
Valley Shiraz 2012**

Variety: Shiraz

Drink by: 2020

Region: Swan Valley

Date tasted: 28/1/2014

Alcohol:14.5%

A liberally wine-stained cork isn't the best introduction, but this full-bodied shiraz shows the Swan Valley at its best, the sole note of disappointment is that only a single barrel was made; its interplay between black fruits and fine, yet savoury, tannins is particularly pleasing.