



2006 Edition

“Former Houghton winemaker, now university lecturer and consultant, John Griffiths teamed with wife, Jane Micallef, to found Faber Vineyard. They have established shiraz, verdelho (1.5 ha each), brown muscat, chardonnay and petit verdot (0.5 ha each).....

... Possessed of an excellent palate, and with an impeccable winemaking background, the quality of John’s wines is guaranteed...”

FABER VINEYARD RICHE SHIRAZ 2004

Rich indeed; excellent blackberry, vanilla and soft tannins; medium to full-bodied, but retains grace. Quality cork.

90 Points: Published on 20 Mar 2005

FABER VINEYARD PETIT VERDOT 2004

Powerful black fruits and hints of earth on the bouquet; structure not as strong as expected, nor tannins in particular. Young vines and/or warm-grown? Cork.

87 Points: Published on 20 Mar 2005

FABER VINEYARD RESERVE SHIRAZ 2003

Opaque purple-red; full-bodied; extremely complex, rich and concentrated; blackberry, prune and spice; Swan Valley's answer to the Barossa. Quality cork.

94 Points: Published on 20 Mar 2005

FABER VINEYARD FRANKLAND RIVER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2003

Strong purple-red; spicy black fruit aromas; medium-bodied; satin-smooth flow to spicy blackcurrant fruit; quality oak; fine, ripe tannins. Quality cork.

94 Points: Published on 20 Mar 2005

FABER VINEYARD RESERVE SHIRAZ 2002

Attractive savoury style with good length and intensity. Sweet, cedary oak, fine tannins.

89 Points: Published on 12 Oct 2004

FABER VINEYARD SWAN VERDELHO 2004

Fresh, elegant fruit salad aromas and flavours; nice length; not obviously sweet.

87 Points: Published on 31 Aug 2004

FABER VINEYARD SWAN VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2004

Very pale; some oak inputs to the bouquet, the palate tight, light and fresh; slightly one dimensional.

86 Points: Published on 31 Aug 2004

FABER VINEYARD RICHE SHIRAZ 2003

Striking purple-red; potent blackberry and plum fruit plus vanilla oak on both bouquet and palate; simply needs ten years.

91 Points: Published on 31 Aug 2004

FABER VINEYARD SWAN VALLEY CHARDONNAY 2003

Very similar in style to the 2004, but has built a little on the back palate.

87 Points: Published on 31 Aug 2004

FABER VINEYARD MARGARET RIVER CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2002

Tight, savoury, earthy aromas; sweetens up somewhat on the palate, and has good length.

88 Points: Published on 31 Aug 2004