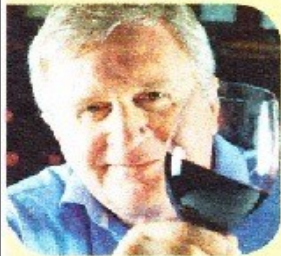


# WEST WEEKEND

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## *Dark secrets*

Wherever you plant shiraz, something good is going to happen. Here are three from three great regions, each distinctively different — and each quite marvellous.

**2 Faber Vineyard Reserve shiraz  
2011 (\$58)**

An awesome statement of old-vine Swan Valley shiraz, with John Griffiths' meticulous attention to detail. Beautiful deep red and magenta. The aroma of violets and cherry plum is so engaging, with its little sprinkle of spices. A slightly mineral thread and fine-grained vanillin oak contribute to a stunning palate design and delivery. And this wine is made right on our doorstep. 95/100 (Best drinking: 2016-29 Alc: 14%)