



RAY JORDAN'S

WA Wine Guide 2009

Faber Vineyard has established itself as one of the best winemakers in the Swan Valley over its 11 years, making a range of traditional Swan Valley styles, using fruit predominately grown on its own vineyard at Baskerville. Additionally it draws fruit from other regions – Dwellingup, Frankland and Margaret River to make wines that complement the Swan wines.

All wines are made and bottled by owner John Griffiths on site, with the ambition to make wines the equal of any in the State. John relies on using high-quality fruit and hand crafting his wines to achieve this.

Rather than follow trends, John chooses to make wines that get the best out of his fruit, so his wines are always flavoursome, fresh and balanced.

Faber's wines are made in small quantities – often as little as a single barrel. Each wine has a unique character that could not be achieved by larger scale production.

THE WINES

Verdelho 2008

A really punchy, tropical fruit-laden verdelho. Beautifully pure and fresh with lively fine acidity and mouth filling flavours.

You can tuck into this now or put a bottle in the cellar for a few years time.

89 Points

El Sol Semillon 2008

I reckon when you open this bottle you won't stop drinking until it's finished. It's slightly sweet but the fine, crisp acid sustains its freshness and prevents any cloying on the palate. Lively, fresh drinking for spring and summer, with a platter of fruit

85 Points

Riche Shiraz 2007

Plump and opulent Swan Valley shiraz with stacks of mouth-filling, savoury plum and rich fruit cake. It's a rather deliciously appealing wine with a little edge to make it interesting.

88 Points

Petit Verdot 2007

A rather elegant example of this variety, which is mostly used as a blending option with cabernet. This works pretty well with the fine, silky palate displaying some attractive flavours of red spicy berry. The violet and aniline aromas on the nose are appealing. Nice wine

86 Points

Reserve Shiraz 2005

Fabulous lush and rich shiraz, it's warm and friendly on the palate with masses of dark chocolate and ripe savoury, earthy plum. This would be the slickest and most stylish of this wine yet released. Still has the depth and fruit concentration But there is another level of sophistication.

94 Points