



ray jordan's 2010 wa wine guide

verdelho 2009

Absolutely beautiful example of a young Swan Valley verdelho in all its punch vibrant tropical fruit glory. Intense aromas of tropical fruits lifted with a little squeeze of lime juice. It's zippy and racy on the palate with a very long intense finish.

Score 93/100 Cellar 4 years

Dwellingup chardonnay 2008

This is a new offering from Griffiths under his Faber label. The cool climate Dwellingup region shows great promise for chardonnay. This has been whole bunch pressed and barrel fermented with further lees ageing. Richly textured and quite lavish, it's a very tidy wine indeed.

Score 89/100 Cellar 5 years

Frankland River cabernet 2007

A powerful and intensely concentrated cabernet from the Frankland region. Deep and lingering blackcurrant cabernet with an earthy plum richness. The tannins and oak are superbly integrated. This has been built with some extended cellaring in mind. Classy wine.

Score 91/100 Cellar 10 years

Riche shiraz 2008

A solid and impressive follow-up to the fleshy 2007. This has some awesome power and fruit concentration with a seamless and perfectly integrated palate. Sweet, ripe fruit With lifted stewed plum and cedary oak. Very nice wine with some cellaring potential

Score 89/100 Cellar 10 years

Reserve shiraz 2006

Griffiths has long maintained that if you get the right fruit in the Swan Valley and treat it right you can make some might impressive powerful wines. Well, here's yet another example to redundantly prove his point. Immense and opulent shiraz of depth and concentrated lingering power. Great cellaring wine

Score 94/100 Cellar 14 years

Faber Vineyard makes a range of traditional Swan Valley styles, using fruit predominately grown on its own vineyard at Baskerville. Additionally it draws fruit from other regions to make wines that complement the Swan wines. All wines are made and bottled by owner John Griffiths on site. The wines are full and robust reflecting variety and region.

