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Faber Vineyard

Faber Vineyard makes a range of traditional Swan Valley styles, using predominately fruit 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.



Swan verdelho 2010

Another beautiful verdelho from Griffiths. I liked last years but I think the slightly more restrained version from 2010 appeals even more. Has plenty of fruit intensity and a lovely pristine and sustaining finish. Palate feel and texture are features of this excellent wine.

Score 93/100 Cellar 4 years

Dwellingup chardonnay 2009

This fruit is sourced from the cooler southern Dwellingup region. It's a thoroughly beautiful fine lean and elegant chardonnay. Has been given the full treatment with whole punch pressing, barrel fermentation and extended lees contact. Through this it has retained a fine delicacy in the modern idiom.

Score 94/100 Cellar 4 years

Reserve shiraz 2008

Griffiths has been doing some mighty good things with Swan Valley shiraz but none has been better than this cracker. Has all the power and fruit concentration of those earlier ones yet the poise and elegance of this quite stunningly refined shiraz sets it apart. Seamless and silky palate with a long, long finish. Has some cellaring in it too.

Score 95/100 Cellar 10 years

