

FABER VINEYARD VERDELHO

"The cellar door at John Griffiths' Faber Vineyard is a construction site when I visit: all the attention has been ploughed into the winery and the wines. Griffiths worked at Houghton before establishing Faber in 1998, and obviously likes to stir the possum.

Knowing of my aversion to Verdelho, the Swan's traditional white grape, he opens a few vintages of the variety – his own '06 and '07 and a '94 Houghton. And they're gorgeous: the young wines are bursting with verdelho's trademark overripe nectarine flavour (thanks John, for nailing that description) while the older wine is rich, toasty and satisfying".

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