



THE WINE FRONT

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Faber Vineyard Dwellingup Mourvedre 2012

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Affable winemaker John Griffiths comments

The wine was fermented in 1 tonne open fermenters (also know as CHEP boxes), and pumped over gently (relative to say how we treat shiraz) for a bit over a week. The ferment was very smelly which we just treated by aerating during the pumpovers. It went then into old oak hogsheads (we only use hogsheads) for 11 months and was bottled sans fining and filtration. Over time in oak the strong sulphide (baby-poo) character in part lifted off and in part integrated into the strong blueberry/other berry fruit characters. Finally I think the wine has a lovely sweet fruit but also complexity without any obvious oak. The oak didn't add flavour but allowed the wine to integrate and soften.

Boy this is a good wine to drink. A little pepper and dusty spice, blue and black berry fruits, purple florals, subtle nutty vanilla oak and some of that leather and dried herb aromatic that makes Mataro enthusiasts nostril hairs oscillate a little wildly. Medium bodied with soft, almost gummy feeling tannin, rounded acidity and a spicy blue fruited finish where the tannin cleans up beautifully. Great drinking. Can't recommend it highly enough.

Rated : 93 Points

Tasted : May13

Alcohol : 13.5%

Price : \$27

Closure : Screwcap

Drink : 2013 - 2020



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