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2009 Faber Vineyard Frankland River Cabernet Sauvignon

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\$48.00 AUD

Drink 2012 - 2019

What Huon thinks...

88 Deep red/purple; very good colour. Chocolate and tomatoey herbal notes to sniff. Palate is lean and tangy, a little sinewy and lacking richness, but not a bad flavour. Good line and balance. Just a bit strong on the tamarillo character. **23/12/2011**

2009 Faber Vineyard Reserve Shiraz

Swan Valley Shiraz

\$54.00 AUD

Drink 2014 - 2029

What Huon thinks...

89 Deep red colour, purple edge. Very oaky aroma: toasty barrels galore, with background hints of mint and vanilla. Medium to full-bodied and well endowed with soft, powdery tannins. Quite rich and silky in texture, sweet fruit, almost voluptuous. A pity the oak is so dominant at least on the nose. It needs time: age may help, but at least it doesn't taste too oaky. **9/3/2012**

2011 Faber Vineyard Verdelho

Swan Valley Verdelho

\$18.00 AUD

Drink now

What Huon thinks...

85 Light yellow colour. Slightly yeasty aroma, with a straw-like, dry grass overtone. Broad, full and rich, round and weighty and somewhat flat, with a strong textural emphasis. Rather coarse, clumsy finish which suggests high alcohol. **25/2/2012**

2009 Faber Vineyard Riche Shiraz

Swan Valley Shiraz

\$26.00 AUD

Drink 2012 - 2019

What Huon thinks...

86 Deep red/purple colour. Slightly fume, dark berry aromas; very oaky. Medium-bodied and sweet fruited, gentle of structure and easygoing. Soft and balanced, nice easy drinking. Sweet and also savoury grainy tannins. Doesn't gel 100%. Fair wine, though. **9/3/2012**

2010 Faber Vineyard Petit Verdot

Western Australia Petit Verdot

\$28.00 AUD

Drink 2012 - 2018

What Huon thinks...

88 Deep red colour, purple edges. Black fruit aromas, including plum skins, and the flavour is very ripe and clean. Soft tannins, balanced acidity, good harmony and drinkability. Not complex, but very pleasant drinking. **29/2/2012**

