



SUTTON GRANGE WINERY

Jeremy Oliver, *The Australian Wine Annual 2011*

Awards

The Top Ten Wines from New Varieties

2. Sutton Grange Estate Giove 2008 95 Points

Fairbank

Fairbank Cabernet Sauvignon 2004

A robust, assertively structured and long-term cabernet of exceptional elegance and terrific value. Scented with blackberries, dark plums and raspberries, it's perfumed and polished, with a sweet, vibrant expression of dark plum, berry and cherry-like fruit handsomely knit with cedary and chocolaty oak. It finishes long and layered, with regional nuances of mint and menthol. Rating: 95.

Fairbank Syrah 2005

Long and savoury, with a complex, rustic bouquet of dark plums, berries and redcurrants backed by suggestions of spice, smoked meats, leather and chocolate. Sumptuous firm and astringent, its tightly knit with powerful tannins and fine grained oak, long meaty and brambly. Its deep, dark fruit culminates in a long, drying and persistent savoury finish. Rating: 94.

Fairbank Viognier 2008

A clean, crisp, mineral and chalky viognier with a pleasing measure of varietal influences, but not the heavy excess of so many. Its approachable and fine-grained, with a floral perfume of tangerine and minerals back by musky notes of clove, cinnamon and wheatmeal. Luscious intense and piercingly fruit-driven, it's smooth, evenly paced and relatively silky, finishing with bitey acids. Rating: 93.



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Sutton Grange Estate

Sutton Grange Estate Giove 2006

Spicy shiraz is slowly permeated by sangiovese, with a fine-grained astringent and reductive complexity. Pungent aromas of dark cherries, plums, dark chocolate, smoked sausages and earthy leathery notes prelude a long, firm and deeply layered palate. A deep core of dark plums and blackberries is augmented by smoky, earthy and meaty complexity, finishing with length, structure and balance. Rating: 95.

Sutton Grange Estate Syrah 2006

Complex, savoury and powerful, with dark, meaty and slightly herbal-edged fruit framed by a firm, powdery extract of drying tannin. Its dusty bouquet of blackberries, dark plums and slightly herbal whole bunch characters reveals a hint of Bovril, while its earthy palate of dark red and blackberry flavours overlies an assertive meaty, leathery presence. It's long and savoury, with drive and balance. Rating: 95.