Foreword - Ray Jordan WA WA Wine Journalist
For nearly 200 years, the Swan Valley has been an important part of the West Australian wine scene. The wines have reflected the rich cultural diversity and influences of those who arrived from distant shores in the early years, while evolving into more modern expressions of variety and style for contemporary tastes. And the wines have never been better. As a regular judge at the Swan Valley Wine Show, I have seen how winemakers have remained true to the traditional styles such as those glorious Fortifieds and the classic table wines varieties Verdelho, Chenin Blanc and Shiraz, while continuing to raise the quality bar. Younger winemakers have brought with them fresh thinking, creating a dynamic environment for the region's wine culture. Small family-run vineyards and wineries are still an important part of the Valley, but significant investment in facilities and venues has broadened its attraction as a major wine and food destination.

2. RIVERBANK ESTATE WINERY
Vines were first planted at RiverBank in 1988. Located on the fertile banks of the Swan River, the Estate encompasses nearly 30 acres of mature, low-yield vines, producing exceptional fruit that is handcrafted into premium, regional varietal wines, vinifed and bottled on-site. The property was purchased by the Lombo family in 1977 and rebranded with three wine ranges created, On The Run, Rebellious, and Eric Anthony. RiverBank was in 2019 named Winery of the Year by Ray Jordan, Best Small Cellar Door by Gourmet Traveller and Most Successful Exhibitor at the Singapore Airlines Swan Valley Wine Show.

3. SANDALFORD WINES
Sandalford Estate is Western Australia’s most-awarded attraction. This Estate – which celebrates Swan Valley’s signature grape varieties with superb Shiraz Blanc, Verdelho and Shiraz wines - is a must visit. Come for a wine tasting or linger over a lunch at the restaurant enjoying the fine wines, food and service which have won Sandalford more than 80 major state and national titles in the past 10 years. Open daily with Chinese speaking staff available.

1. PINIELLI ESTATE WINES
At Pinelli Estate, we are proud to have been a part of the Swan Valley for close to four decades and now a second-generation winery. Awards and accolades have been a reflection of our commitment to quality whether it be for delicate white wines such as Verdelho and Chenin Blanc, floursome reds of Shiraz and Durif or luscious Fortified wines. We have a bit of a love affair with Rose, too. Visit our Estate comprising of a Cellar Door for wine tastings and sales or our restaurant to sit back, relax and enjoy the ambience of the vineyard.

6. OAKOVER GROUNDS
Oakover Wines is a family-owned boutique winery in the heart of the Swan Valley. This historic Estate is one of the original properties established in the 1820s. Some of the Swan Valley’s first grape vines were planted at Oakover by Samuel Moore in the early 1800s. Today, with three generations of Swan Valley heritage behind it, Oakover Wines reflects a synergy between the past and the present. Mark Yovich, with sons Graeme and Kim, has continued the proud family tradition of growing quality grapes and producing premium wines that reflect the "terroir" of the region.

7. SITTELLA WINERY
Sittella was established in 1993 by the Berne Family. It sits in a picturesque valley on the Swan River. A restaurant was opened in 1998, which overlooks the vines and lake. Sittella has developed a reputation for making handcrafted Western Australian wines, consisting of sparkling, still and Fortified styles. It has been awarded The Best Swan Valley Producer on many occasions and recently The Best Sparkling Wine in Australia by Gourmet Traveller.

8. TALIJANCICH WINES
Established in 1932, Talijancich Wines’ three generations of winemakers have perfected their craft in a biodynamically grown vineyard, with fruit handpicked at the perfect time to produce premium wines. The original Shiraz vines still produce high-quality fruit used throughout our Fortified and table wine range. With a reputation for beautifully balanced, aged Verdelho and intensely rich and luxurious Fortified wines produced from Shiraz and Pedro Ximenes, this is one tasting that needs to be taken slowly.

9. FABER VINEYARD
Faber Vineyard was established in 1997 with the aim to grow and make great Swan Valley wines; wines that are distinctive of our region, rich in flavour, generous and with excellent drinkability. Focusing on Verdelho, Shiraz, and Brown Muscat, we handcraft beautiful wines from our intense Reserve range to our outstanding, accessible, varietal range. Our wines are highly awarded in wine shows and reviewed by Australia’s leading wine critics.

4. MANDOON ESTATE
Our focus is producing a boutique range of premium wines from well-preserved low-yield single vineyard sites, from the Swan Valley and other prominent Western Australian regions, using traditional methods that clearly demonstrate both varietal and regional characteristics.

5. GARBIN ESTATE WINES
Established in 1956, this family owned winery consistently produces award winning boutique red and white wines, specialising in "method traditionelle" sparkling made from Chardonnay (also with gold leaf), Semillon, Chenin Blanc, Shiraz and Merlot. Fruit is sourced from their Estate vineyards in the Swan Valley and Gingin, grown with low-chemical inputs, no pesticides and very friendly. Winemaker Peter Garbin, wife Katrina and sons Joel and Adam have a philosophy of hands-on winemaking and personal service at their cellar door.

10. JOHN KOSOVICH WINES
John Kosovich Wines is a small batch producer established in the region since 1922. Our wines are all Estate grown, hand harvested and carefully crafted at the Swan Valley winery. Specialty styles include Aged Chenin Blanc, Reserve Cabernet Malbec, Chardonnay, Petit Verdot and Rose Muscat. We are passionate about producing wines that reflect our vineyards and use grape varieties that best suit these sites. The unique underground tasting and sales area is a special feature of our cellar door experience, hand dug in 1922.

II. BLACK SWAN WINES
Most wines grown at Black Swan Winery were planted in 1945.
Purchased in 1998 by Barry & Robyn Scrivener, the winery’s first vintage in 2001 reaped gold medals and a trophy for the Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc at the 2002 Swan Valley Wine Show. At the 2019 Swan Valley Wine Show, the Classic White won a gold medal and a trophy. The award winning and quality wine produced from this vineyard is mainly due to traditional hands on vineyard management and techniques and is an inspiration to boutique wineries.
Welcome to the Swan Valley

With more than 185 years of winemaking heritage, the Swan Valley is the oldest wine region in Western Australia and the second oldest in Australia.

Vines were first planted in the Swan Valley in 1829. The first commercial wine vintage was in 1834. Today, the Swan Valley has a reputation for producing premium quality wines.

The wines featured on the Swan Valley Fine Wine Trail produce some of the best and most typical wines in the Swan Valley. All have in recent years won trophies at the Singapore Airlines Swan Valley Wine Show.

The Singapore Airlines Swan Valley Wine Show

This wine show is one of the biggest and most recognised in Western Australia having been held over 30 consecutive years and attracting close to 300 entries. It provides the opportunity for local winemakers to benchmark their wines as well as encouraging excellence in winemaking practices. The expert judging panels comprise a guest international judge, panel leaders, judges and associate judges. It is chaired by a Chief Judge who oversees the process and ensures strict adherence to international wine judging standards.

Swan Valley Visitor Centre

For visitor information, maps, souvenirs, accommodation and tour bookings:

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Swan Valley Signature Grape Varieties

The signature grape varieties in the Swan Valley are Chenin Blanc, Verdelho and Shiraz which thrive in the Mediterranean style climate and produce wines with rich flavour and freshness.

Verdelho and Chenin Blanc are perfect to drink young and fresh. With cellaring, they develop an intense depth of flavour and complexity that makes it a good value wine.

The rich flavours of Shiraz – plum, chocolate and spice – along with softness and length, make a wine that is approachable at an early age, but given more time to mature will intensify in richness and structure.

The luscious Fortified wines have more than 150 years of tradition, and are some of the greatest wines made in the Swan Valley. Liqueur Muscat and Pedro Ximenez, blended from vintages aged for years in casks have an intensely rich, sweet, decadent flavour and aroma of old oak barrels, honey and raisins. Left on the vines to ripen further, Verdelho and Shiraz are also made into delicious liqueur and Fortified style wines. Liqueur Verdelho with its luscious flavours of fig, raisin, mocha and orange peel is one of the Swan Valleys most unique wine styles.

In addition to the signature varieties, Chardonnay, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc, Vermentino, Grenache, Merlot, Durif, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon and Tempranillo are just a few of the other grape varieties that are now grown and crafted into quality wines in the Swan Valley.

Remember to drink responsibly and appoint a designated driver to take you on the Swan Valley Fine Wine Trail.