



FELTON ROAD

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Felton Road just fends off a surge from Villa Maria to retain the highest position for a New Zealand producer. The past three decades has seen a scramble for export share among the country's biggest producers, but Felton Road is an anomaly, purposely making just 150,000 bottles a year for every year since 1991 [sic].

With such a big reputation and relatively small production, demand always outstrips supply. As owner Nigel Greening notes, "the wheels turn slowly at Felton Road".

But the wheels did turn sufficiently quickly in 2022 for the producer to release its first new wine for 15 years, "MacMuir Pinot Noir may be our last, as our zero-growth policy means there will be no new vineyards added."

There was further news when Felton Road joined International Wineries for Climate Action, the organisation whose members also includes Top 50 members Familia Torres, Ridge and Symington.

"This is critical for our goal of achieving zero-carbon emissions without using offsets," says Greening.

Valuing the land and the environment higher than the pursuit of profit and growth is unusual in the wine, or any business, Greening may be the only producer in our top 50 who we'll ever hear lament: "Demand remains stubbornly high."

DRINKS INTERNATIONAL – THE WORLD’S MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRANDS

HERE IS THE 2023 LIST IN FULL:

NO.	COMPANY, COUNTRY	MOVERS
1	ANTINORI, ITALY MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND IN EUROPE & THE MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND IN THE WORLD	↑ 4
2	CATENA ZAPATA, ARGENTINA MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND IN SOUTH AMERICA	↑ 1
3	PENFOLDS, AUSTRALIA MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND IN AUSTRALASIA	↓ 1
4	FAMILIA TORRES, SPAIN	↓ 3
5	DOMAINE DE LA ROMANÉE-CONTI, FRANCE	↑ 1
6	SASSICAIA, ITALY	RE-ENTRY
7	GAJA, ITALY	NON-MOVER
8	CONCHA Y TORO, CHILE	↑ 4
9	M CHAPOUTIER, FRANCE	↑ 13
10	RIDGE, US MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND IN NORTH AMERICA	↑ 17
11	VEGA SICILIA, SPAIN	↓ 1
12	CHÂTEAU D'YQUEM, FRANCE HIGHEST CLIMBER	↑ 38
13	SYMINGTON, PORTUGAL	↑ 28
14	CHÂTEAU HAUT-BRION, FRANCE	↓ 1
15	19 CRIMES, AUSTRALIA/US	↑ 3
16	LA RIOJA ALTA, SPAIN	↓ 11
17	YELLOW TAIL, AUSTRALIA	↑ 7
18	GÉRARD BERTRAND, FRANCE	↑ 16
19	FELTON ROAD, NEW ZEALAND	NON-MOVER
20	VILLA MARIA, NEW ZEALAND	↑ 6
21	TIGNANELLO, ITALY	RE-ENTRY
22	CHÂTEAU PÉTRUS, FRANCE	RE-ENTRY
23	E GUIGAL, FRANCE	↑ 20
24	CHÂTEAU CHEVAL BLANC, FRANCE	↓ 15
25	PLANETA, ITALY	↑ 12
NO.	COMPANY, COUNTRY	MOVERS
26	CLOUDY BAY, NEW ZEALAND	↑ 13
27	ESPORÃO, PORTUGAL	↑ 4
28	CHÂTEAU LAFITE, FRANCE	RE-ENTRY
29	CRAGGY RANGE, NEW ZEALAND	↑ 1
30	HENSCHKE, AUSTRALIA	↓ 9
31	CVNE, SPAIN	RE-ENTRY
32	MONTES, CHILE	NON-MOVER
33	ORNELLAIA, ITALY	RE-ENTRY
34	FRESCOBALDI, ITALY	↓ 23
35	GEORGES DUBOEUF, FRANCE	RE-ENTRY
36	BAREFOOT, US	↑ 2
37	CHÂTEAU MARGAUX, FRANCE	↓ 29
38	KWV, SOUTH AFRICA MOST ADMIRERED WINE BRAND IN AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST	RE-ENTRY
39	FAUSTINO, SPAIN	↓ 16
40	CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD, FRANCE	↓ 24
41	CHÂTEAU LATOUR, FRANCE	↑ 1
42	ERRÁZURIZ, CHILE	↓ 28
43	KANONKOP, SOUTH AFRICA	↓ 28
44	BODEGAS PROTOS, SPAIN	↓ 16
45	NEDERBURG, SOUTH AFRICA	RE-ENTRY
46	MARQUÉS DE RISCAL, SPAIN	RE-ENTRY
47	LOUIS LATOUR, FRANCE	RE-ENTRY
48	RAMÓN BILBAO, SPAIN	↓ 31
49	BRUCE JACK, SOUTH AFRICA	↓ 29
50	ROYAL TOKAJI, HUNGARY	RE-ENTRY