

# JASPER MORRIS Inside|Burgundy

## Central Otago Chardonnay and Pinot Noir by Jane Skilton MW

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### 2022, Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir

★★★★★ 96

Looking very tight and embryonic at this stage. With time in the glass some bergamot and wild raspberry emerges, with some clove and cinnamon spice. The palate is intense, and there is a depth of fruit but the tannins, whilst polished, are quite muscular and layer over the fruit. Heaps of potential but needs much longer. Drink from 2028 -2035. Tasted: December 2023.

### 2022, Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir

★★★★★ 95

Deep colour. Fruit sits firmly in the blue spectrum; bilberry and damson plum. Some dried thyme too. Opulent, fruit saturated flavours are silky and ripe at first then tannins sweep in to give a fine powdery veneer across the palate. Lacks the layered complexity of the single vineyard pinots but instead is a delightful expression of pinot, that will be approachable in the medium term. Drink from 2025 - 2030. Tasted: December 2023.

### 2022, Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir

★★★★★ 95

Shy on the nose; peppery pomegranate and wild raspberry fruit with some sappy fresh green herbs. A fine boned wine, looks a little austere with chalky tannins layered across the palate. With time in the glass it opens up but this is a taut, structured pinot. Drink from 2028 - 2025. Tasted: December 2023.

### 2022, Felton Road MacMuir Pinot Noir

★★★★★ 93

Lovely intense aromatics; morello cherry, plum, violets. Some dried thyme and sage. Tannins right there from the start, powdery and finely grained, contributing a bitter dark chocolate note. There is plenty of concentration underlying but this wine needs time to unfurl. Structured. Drink from 2027 - 2032. Tasted: December 2023.

### 2022, Felton Road Calvert Pinot Noir

★★★★★ 93

Sappy herbal raspberry, red cherry and sour cherry fruit with a vivid redcurrant spine of acid. The palate is bright and energetic, sleek yet crunchy tannins give an appetising bite and offset the the fruit. Drink from 2025 - 2029. Tasted: December 2023.

### 2022, Felton Road Cornish Point Pinot Noir

★★★★★ 93

Not the boldest aroma but instead very pretty subtle rosehip, raspberry fruit. A little whole cluster gives a cinnamon, clove oil layer. The palate is utterly charming; silken smooth tannins, just the right amount of fresh sappy fruit. Very polished and suave but retains a slight edge of crunch that gives vitality. Drink from now - 2029. Tasted: December 2023.

**2022, Felton Road Block 6 Chardonnay**

★★★★★ 96

Nose is quite restrained at this stage, good concentration of fruit, sitting in the white stone-fruit spectrum. Oak is discreet and exerts very little influence on the pure, intensely concentrated palate. Has an appealing, faintly pithy texture. Plenty of potential but needs much longer. Drink from 2026 - 2032. Tasted: December 2023.

**2022, Felton Road Block 2 Chardonnay**

★★★★★ 95

Restrained aromatics; green pear, yellow-skinned apple. Mirabelle plum. Super subtle on first taste, very tight, and walks the edge of seeming a little too lean? But with time in the glass the palate opens out to reveal a core of ripe stone-fruit. There is good length so just needs a little more time to express itself fully. Drink from 2026 - 2032. Tasted: December 2023.

**2022, Felton Road Chardonnay**

★★★★★ 94

Pretty, lighter toned aromatics with a floral, citrus lift. Palate has a faint grippy textural edge that gives a particularly attractive, savoury, almost amaro grip that is very appealing. Subtle layers of flavour that unfurl with time in the glass. Definitely the most approachable of the three but still offers plenty of potential to develop further. Drink from 2025- 2030. Tasted: December 2023.