

Felton Road 2010 Pinot Noir Block 3

93+ points

Deep ruby-purple colored, the 2010 Block 3 Pinot Noir has notes of black cherries, plums, graphite, red currant, damp loam and dark chocolate with a whiff of anise. Elegantly fruited in the medium bodied mouth, it is tight-knit and restrained at the moment offering muscular blackberry fruit, a medium-firm level of fine grained tannins and a long earthy finish. Approachable now, it should drink best 2012 to 2019+.

Felton Road 2009 Pinot Noir Block 5 93 points

Medium-deep ruby-purple colored, the 2009 Block 5 Pinot Noir is a little mute, offering delicate notes of black cherries, blackberries and mulberries with nuances of Provence herbs, underbrush and soy. Medium to full bodied, it gives plenty of mouth-filling fruit layers supported by refreshing acid and a medium to firm level of fine-grained tannins. The finish is long with some toasty / savory notes showing through. Approachable now, it should drink best 2012 to 2018+.

Felton Road 2010 Pinot Noir Cornish Point 92 points

Medium ruby-purple in color, the 2010 Cornish Point Pinot Noir gives aromas of red plums, red currants and wild cherries with hints of nutmeg, cassia, violets and lavender. Medium-full bodied with a generous amount of ripe cherry and spice flavors, it is well balanced with medium-high acid and silky tannins. The finish is long adding a lingering note of cinnamon toast. Delicious now, it should cellar to 2017.

Felton Road 2010 Pinot Noir Calvert

91+ points

Medium-deep ruby purple colored, the 2010 Calvert Pinot Noir is youthfully subdued at the moment, giving subtle notes of cranberries, pomegranate and dark chocolate over hints of hung meat, loam and moss covered bark. Medium bodied with a taut, muscular fruit in the mouth, it has a good backbone of crisp acid and medium-firm grainy tannins, finishing long and earthy. Consider drinking it 2012 to 2017+.

Felton Road 2009 Pinot Noir

91 points

Medium ruby-purple in color, the 2010 Pinot Noir displays slightly wild / gamey notes of red cherry, underbrush, earth and yeast extract over a faint perfume of lavender. The full bodied palate has very good concentration and a taut structure of firm grainy tannins and crisp acid with along, layered finish. Drink it now through 2017+.

Felton Road 2010 Chardonnay Block 2

92 points

The 2010 Block 2 Chardonnay is youthfully muted on the nose with delicate white peach and spiced apple slice aromas over crushed biscuits, cashews, meal and honeysuckle. With medium to full body, the palate is tightly-knit at this stage with a great concentration of spicy stone fruit flavors, balanced medium-high acid and slightly creamy texture. The finish is long and honeynut laced with a citrusy character revealing itself at the very end. Tempting to drink now, it should be best 2013 to 2018+.

Felton Road 2010 Chardonnay

91+ points

The 2010 Chardonnay offers intense notes of ripe apricots, honeydew melon and guava over buttered oatmeal and toasted almonds. Full bodied, rich and with a pleasant suggestion of silkiness to the texture, it has a good line of acidity and a long finish. Approachable now, it should drink to 2016+.

Felton Road 2010 Riesling Block 1

91+ points

The 2010 Block 1 Riesling has a pronounced nose of lemon and lime juice and green apple slices with hints of white pepper and chalk dust. The palate is light bodied with very good citrus flavour concentration and a fair amount of residual sugar equating to a medium style, offset by very crisp acid. It finishes long with the chalky character coming through. Drink it 2012 to 2020+.

Felton Road 2010 Riesling

90 points

The 2010 Riesling has a youthfully muted nose giving notes of lime slices, kumquat and fresh grapefruit with nuances of crushed stones and white pepper. The light bodied palate reveals a medium style in terms of sweetness with a relatively low alcohol (9%) and plenty of citrus and mineral flavours with a good backbone of crisp acid that lingers long into the finish. It should drink best for 2012 to 2019+.

Felton Road 2010 Dry Riesling

90 points

Felton Road's 2010 Dry Riesling is intensely scented of orange blossom, mandarin peel and fresh lemon juice over hints of lime leaves, lemongrass and dill seed. Light to medium bodied, dry and crisp in the mouth, it offers a wonderful concentration of citrus and spice flavour with a long zesty finish. Approachable now it should keep to 2017+.

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