

GOURMET TRAVELLER

WINE

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from 100 Top New Release Wines

100 ★★★★★

2017 Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$135/NZ\$109

Hauntingly beautiful pinot noir that thoroughly deserves its 100-point rating. Delicate, fragrant, with enormous length and layers of subtle flavours that include violets, red rose petal, dark cherry and mixed spices. Seductively drinkable now but has a promising future.

95 ★★★★★

2017 Felton Road Calvert Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$92/NZ\$80

Calvert vineyard is on Felton Road about a kilometre east of the winery. Charming pinot noir with cherry, floral and spice flavours together with a savoury, nutty edge adding extra complexity. Elegant wine that is a little restrained at this stage but shows promise.

97 ★★★★★

2017 Felton Road Block 2 Chardonnay, Central Otago, A\$69/NZ\$62

Block 2 is a gentle east-sloping section of the Elms vineyard that was planted in 1992. Tangy, concentrated chardonnay with wet stone/mineral, lime/grapefruit/citrus, white flower and subtle nutty flavours. Youthful wine with great potential.

97 ★★★★★

2018 Felton Road Dry Riesling, Central Otago, A\$39/NZ\$38

Bone-dry and deliciously refreshing riesling with classic lime zest, white flowers and salty/mineral characters. Vine maturity as old as 27 years has seen this terrific Riesling gain power and intensity to become one of the country's best.

95 ★★★★★

2018 Felton Road Bannockburn Riesling, Central Otago, A\$39/NZ\$38

Made from grapes harvested from gravelly blocks two and four of the Elms vineyard next to the winery. Moderately sweet riesling with a perfect balance of fruity acidity building exquisite tension. Tangy wine with lime juice/citrus floral and a suggestion of mineral flavours.