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The Real Review

Pinot with potential

BOB CAMPBELL MW in CELLAR TALK WINES
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Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir 2018, Central Otago, NZD \$109

From a hot record-breaking vintage with a cool, wet conclusion. Quite a tight and slightly bony pinot noir with hints of floral, cherry, berry, spice, chocolate box and cedar-like oak. A restrained and elegant wine that needs time to express its full potential. (Screwcap)

Score: 95 ★★★★★

Alcohol: 13.5% Ageing: now to 2029

Food: Savannah beef fillet, gnocco fritto, black peppered sauce



97 ★★★★★ 2018 Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$135/NZ\$109

A very good result from a hot vintage – December, January and February were each the hottest months on record. Block 3 Pinot Noir has stunning aromatics with floral/violet, cherry, raspberry, fresh herb and spicy oak evident. Power finesse and development potential.

96 ★★★★★ 2018 Felton Road Cornish Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$92/ NZ\$81

An exceptionally hot vintage hasn't compromised the quality of this elegant single-vineyard wine. Seductive pinot noir with floral, berry and cherry flavours seasoned with spice and subtle fresh herbs. Delicious and accessible now.

95 ★★★★★ 2018 Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$79/NZ\$68

Made from a blend of estate vineyards this entry-level pinot noir provides a consistently high standard that must be the envy of its competitors. Appealing violet/red rose, dark cherry, anise and subtle smoky oak flavours with a tantalisingly ethereal texture.

95 ★★★★★ 2018 Felton Road Bannockburn Chardonnay, Central Otago, A\$57/NZ\$50

Taut, youthful and still quite closed chardonnay with wet stone/mineral, a hint of marzipan, white peach/stone fruit and nicely integrated oak. An impressive, powerful wine that can be appreciated now but needs time to reveal its full potential.

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Irish Daily Mail

Tom Doorley
WINE CHOICE

DRINK OF THE WEEK

BURGUNDY BEATER

Felton Road Chardonnay 2018 €39.99

This wine gives expensive white Burgundy a serious run for its money. Nutty with a touch of ripe plum a hint of smoky vanilla and glorious length.

RACY RIESLING

Felton Road Riesling 2019 €35.49

The winemaker describes this Riesling as the thinking person's gin and tonic. Certainly refreshing but also complex.

ROAD BLOCK

Felton Road Block 6 Chardonnay 2018 €46.50

This stunner has the trademark Felton Road floral aroma along with honey, smoke, mineral in a broad and ripe palate.

RIPE, RICH ROAD

Felton Road Pinot Noir 2018 €52.99

Felton Road's entry level Pinot Noir knocks spots off many Burgundies. Ripe cherry, delicate floral notes with creamy spice.

IRON FIST VELVET GLOVE

Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir 2018 €79.99

A brilliantly contradictory combination of delicacy and sheer power. Needs perhaps a decade to evolve fully.

Jan 2020

GOURMET TRAVELLER

WINE

97 ★★★★★

from 100 Top
New Release Wines

2017 Felton Road Block 6 Chardonnay, Central Otago, A\$69/NZ\$62

The first Block 6 Chardonnay was made in 2006, followed by a trio of vintages in 2015, 2016 and 2017. Restrained and complex wine with peach, orange blossom and toasted nut/brioche characters. Seductively silken-textured wine with cellaring potential.



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Pinot Noir Leads New Zealand's New Quality Baseline

Monday, October 21, 2019

Felton Road Pinot Noir Block 5 2018 Central Otago Score 97-98

This is a showy edition of Block 5 with so much on offer aromatically, from fine florals in the rose spectrum, rose hips, plenty of spice, citrus peel and sweet red cherries in abundance. The palate has such elegant, long and firm tannin with intensity and depth and it does have the compactness that defines this parcel. There's such succulent resolve at the finish. This 2018 has bold fleshiness that really is stunning already. There's more immediate pleasure than you'd expect from a young Block 5. From biodynamically grown grapes. Drink or hold. Screw cap.

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Pinot Noir Central Otago Calvert 2017

94 points | \$85 | 66 cases imported | Red

Lush and vibrant, with blackberry and blueberry flavors that are intense and powerful, yet still showing restraint and delicacy, with details of Earl Grey tea, white pepper, loam and cinnamon, lingering effortlessly on the long, expressive finish. Drink now through 2033. - MW

FELTON ROAD

Pinot Noir Central Otago Block 5 2017

92 points | \$125 | 13 cases imported | Red

Fresh wild strawberry and red licorice notes are smooth and bright, with accents of matcha green tea, thyme and lavender. Harmonious and expressive on the long finish, where a hint of orange zest pops up. Drink now through 2028. - MW

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TOP 100 WINES OF NEW ZEALAND 2019

Thursday, December 5, 2019



#2 Felton Road Pinot Noir Block 5 2017

Central Otago Country New Zealand

Region Central Otago

Vintage 2017

Score 99

There's inherent complexity to this single-block bottling. Aromas of red cherries and darker cherries, as well as plums, nori and crushed violet flowers. The palate has such composure with refined and concise, blueberry and cherry flavors, wrapped in layers of fresh and polished tannin. Magnificently articulate pinot that is also just utterly delicious and whose style is driven very much by site and soil, both cleverly interpreted. Drink now and even better in 6+ years. Screw cap.

#11 Felton Road Pinot Noir Block 3 2018

Central Otago

Score 97

This fresh, vibrant young and complex Block 3 pinot is a powerhouse of ripe red and dark-cherry aromas with striking purity of fruit, framed in sappy freshness. The palate is seamless with such long, finely detailed tannin, carrying really supple and meltingly ripe red and dark cherries. A thing of wonder. This has a wildly fresh, lively fruit core that launches up and expands long on the finish. Superb! Drink now. Screw cap.

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PINOT PERFECTION

Pinot Noir is the most popular red in New Zealand with over 15% of the country's total wine production and it's growing in quality, writes Joelle Thomson June/July 2019

2017 Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir

RRP \$90 to \$110

Block 5 Pinot Noir is the top Pinot of Felton Road Winery in Bannockburn and is certified biodynamic. Dry, silky, savoury, intense and youthful with delicate fruit flavours and powerful structure. Its high but balanced zesty acidity adds freshness to each mouthful. Very good now, and can age for up to 10 years. 18.5/20



GOURMET TRAVELLER

WINE from 100 Top 100 ***** New Release Wines

Apr/May 2019

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.

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