



### **2018 Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir 94 Points**

This year, my favorite of the Felton Road releases is the 2018 Block 3 Pinot Noir, which balances the richness and power of the vintage with bright red-fruit flavors and ample complexity. It's medium to full-bodied, broad-shouldered and muscular without being inelegant, powering to a long, gently dusty finish tinged with cocoa and cola.

### **2018 Felton Road Block 5 Pinot Noir 93 Points**

The 2018 Block 5 Pinot Noir shows its typical dark earthiness and sous-bois notes, black cherry fruit and hints of mocha. It's medium-bodied and plump in the mouth, with plenty of flesh, supple tannins and a long, softly dusty finish tinged with clove, cinnamon and cocoa. It should drink well for at least a decade.

### **2018 Felton Road Calvert Pinot Noir 93 Points**

The 2018 Calvert Pinot Noir displays intertwined briary notes of red raspberries and resinous herbs. It's medium-bodied, with supple, slightly dusty tannins, but there's also a wiry backbone of acidity that further brightens the wine and imparts terrific length on the mocha-tinged finish.

### **2018 Felton Road Cornish Point Pinot Noir 92 Points**

Normally a bit darker in fruit tone than the blended bottling, the 2018 Cornish Point Pinot Noir features black cherries and a hint of licorice, plus some vaguely floral notions. It's medium to full-bodied, with supple tannins and just a bit of chocolate on the finish, reflecting the warmth of the vintage.

### **2018 Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir 92 Points**

The 2018 Pinot Noir is a terrific introduction to the Felton Road style, and it's a fine representation of the Bannockburn subregion. It offers up attractive sous-bois/mushroomy notes backed by plenty of red berries and hints of thyme and tea leaves. Medium-bodied, supple and fleshy on the palate, it finishes with ample verve and length, despite 2018 having been a year of record warmth.

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