

FELTON ROAD CALVERT PINOT NOIR 2021

From down the (Felton) Road in Bannockburn. This has a bit of get up and go.

More energy than its 2021 stablemates, this is a wine with fine, graphite tannins, succulent, dark cherry fruit character, brined black olive notes, fennel and clove complexity. It sits succulent and low in the palate, medium weight, tight and precise. Serious feeling, needing time to unfurl and good cellaring potential.

Rated : 95 Points

FELTON ROAD BLOCK 5 PINOT NOIR 2021

The legendary Block 5 wine, ey?

It's powerful and graceful, full of presence and yet all the elements find parity. Dark cherry scents, clove woody nuance, dark chocolate, pipe tobacco and white pepper to sniff on. The flavours set to more dark cherry, dark chocolate but with game meat, mocha and cumin piquancy to taste. Oak is a large factor, but well integrated, the texture chewy with dusty tannin, concentration impressive yet the wine fresh. Very good in its way.

Rated : 94 Points

FELTON ROAD BANNOCKBURN CHARDONNAY 2021

From Cornish Point and The Elms chardonnay vineyards in Bannockburn.

Juicier style of chardonnay with neat, briny and flinty mineral characters shot through green apple, nashi pear and faint, woody spice notes. A compact nature, powdery chew with that juicy nature, good length, a steely finish and high refreshment factor all round. You could say the wine is a touch diffuse in the concentration stakes, but it feels pretty serious.

Rated : 94 Points

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