

2020 Pinot Noir Block 5

97 points

The 2020 Pinot Noir Block 5 offers up a mouthful of gorgeous Pinot Noir that's perfectly ripe without being overripe, blossoming in the mouth but retaining focus and shape as if it is wearing a pair of control pants. It's a wine that's at ease with itself, offering rich red berries, fruitcake, festive spices and a subtle floral lift. There are plentiful tannins – in the context of Pinot Noir – and they coat the mouth like melted chocolate, making you want to lick your lips long after drinking. Overall, a finely balanced wine that has captured power and seduction in the same package. Lengthy, brooding finish.

2020 Pinot Noir Block 3

95 Points

As tightly and intricately woven as a basket, the 2020 Pinot Noir Block 3 may be supple and inviting initially, but there's no mistaking its honed power and tightly knit style. It offers an array of aromatics, from lifted tones of violets, blueberry and woody herbs to black raspberries to the earthy, warming spices of French oak (30% new). Full of energy and a sense of urgency, thanks to its mouthwatering acidity, delivering assured tannic grip and long length.

2020 Pinot Noir Calvert

94 Points

The 2020 Pinot Noir Calvert may initially seem smooth and refined, but there's no escaping its sense of power; it packs a punch with its concentrated core and structured tannic frame. While you'll find cherry-like fruit and a floral lift, there's a distinctly savory edge to this vintage, which displays Worcestershire sauce, spice and fruitcake alongside herbal notes. It achieves a wonderful balance between the core of ripe fruit and the powerful structure. A Calvert that has the brawn to age and will benefit from more time in bottle.

2020 Pinot Noir Cornish Point

93 Points

The 2020 Pinot Noir Cornish Point is fragrant, poised and shapely. Despite its silken texture and flowing style, there's unexpected, almost fierce substance within the core of this light- to mid-weight style. That power follows through on the structured palate, and fine tannins provide assured grip, which seems to be a result of the small berries of this vintage, giving a greater skin-to-juice ratio. There's fresh cherry fruit and an attractive herbal twist on the medium-long finish. A Cornish Point with muscle that should age well.

2020 Pinot Noir Bannockburn

92 Points

The 2020 Pinot Noir Bannockburn is welcoming as well as rich, savory and sinewy, delivering a plump cloud of both lifted and brooding fruit: a portion of whole-cluster fermentation has brought herbal and violet high notes alongside red and black cherry. There's excellent concentration despite this being the entry to the Felton Pinot range, and fine, lightly furry tannins on the medium-long finish. This could be approached now, but it's better to wait a couple of years to let the components settle.