



Wednesday Wines – Episode 186 – New Zealand New Release Tasting 2023

15th November 2023 I attended the New Zealand New Release tasting yesterday, so this information is bang up to date. I have picked out 20 wines from the 146 on tasting for your consideration. No stockist information was provided, and the prices quoted below look relatively accurate. Still, unlike my usual pieces, I would ask you to fire up the internet to search for relevant retailers so you can load up with your preferred wines. Here is my list of the very best.

2023 Felton Road, Riesling, Bannockburn, Central Otago, South Island £27

This was the finest Riesling on display, and I urge you to buy it, but only if you like off-dry styles. Spätlese in feel, with stunning balance and pristine fruit, this is a heavenly wine and one of the most lip-smacking vintages I can remember. **18.5/20**

2022 Felton Road, Calvert Pinot Noir, Bannockburn, Central Otago, South Island £55.00

My favourite 2022 Felton Road Pinot is not Block 3 or 5 in 2022, but the deliciously enticing Calvert. Pure, willowy, bright and pricked with lip-smacking acidity, this is a thrilling wine that will bloom slowly, so there is no hurry to unscrew a bottle. In time, this will be an enchanting creation. **18.5+/20**