



AIR NEW ZEALAND BEST NZ PINOT NOIR

Felton Road Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2010 , 97 points

One of the most elegant, entrancing and alluring pinots you could ever hope to taste; frankly, it is hard to imagine a more appealing glass of wine on earth.

This is looking terrific and very consistent with the established style of fragrant, whole-bunchy perfume: plenty of pink musk, red cherries and twirling pinot spice, sappy too, with gentle oak added in behind. The palate has precise ripeness, and faultless curvaceous shape, driving ripe mixed cherry fruit flavor long and fresh.

2010 Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir, 96 points

This is showing typically deeper, dense and throatier pinot fruits, a hallmark of this vineyard bottling. It delivers a complex mix of dark-cherry, mulberry, plum and softer red-cherry aromas, with plenty of sappy, complex bracken and a sheen of fine-ground spice; some toasty oak too. The palate's really glistening with ripe, glossy dark cherry and plum, along with some cherry pie, crunchy acid and juicy, long appeal.

2009 Felton Road Pinot Noir Calvert, 95 points

This is one of the most complete young Bannockburn pinots on release, with polished and deeply integrated aromas of ripe dark cherry, boysenberry and spice, some gentle musk too – it really has impressive focus and presence. There's swirling whole-bunch spice here too, and some great lift and drive. The palate has smoothly honed tannins a sweep of ripe dark-cherry fruits throughout, finishing with juicy, flavor-soaked appeal and effortless balance.