



NEW ZEALAND

Campbell's top 20 Kiwi Pinots

The selection process

I selected every New Zealand Pinot Noir I'd recorded notes for in the past eight months (271), sorted them by score and price within score, then chose the top wines. I avoided choosing more than one wine from each company – Felton Road, for example, was well represented in the top selection but I only chose my favourite wine from that stable. I also selected a handful of wines that offer excellent value even though they fell outside my top 20.



**Felton Road,
Calvert, Pinot Noir,
Bannockburn, Central
Otago 2012** 19.5 (98)
£29-£38 Hawkshead
Wines, Hedonism,
Justerini & Brooks, Noel
Young, Stone Vine & Sun,
The New Zealand Cellar,
The Secret Cellar,
Uncorked, Woodwinters

I found this wine hard to read when first poured, but it expanded in the glass to reveal a Pinot Noir of great power and purity with a rapier-like focus and an incredibly lengthy finish.

Drink 2014-2023 **Alc** 14%