## GOURUET TRAVELLER

$97 * * * * *$ *ar Noir, Central Otago, A\$110/NZ\$92 Beautifully perfumed pinot noir that displays an array of flavours including plum, raspberry, wild herbs, mineral, and savoury/nutty/spicy characters that are indefinable. Elegant wine with a firm structure. Pinot noir made for the long haul - I felt slightly guilty unscrewing the cap after little more than a year since the grapes were harvested. A recent vertical tasting of Block 3 Pinot Noir covering nearly a decade demonstrated just how well the wine performs with bottle age. 14

96$\star \star \star \star \star$ 2012 Felton Road Cornish Point Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$84/NZ\$69 The Cornish Point vineyard produces distinctive pinot noir that is unlike the winery's other single vineyard wine, perhaps because the vineyard is surrounded on three sides by the Kawarau River. Deliciously fruity pinot noir with blackberry, dark cherry, violet and a hint of mixed Oriental spices (described on the Felton Road website as "the Cornish Point spice box"). Seamless wine that delivers impressive power with great subtlety. There is no question that it will age very well but it's dangerously drinkable right now. | 12
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$\bigcirc 2012$ Felton Road Calvert Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$84/NZ\$69
I found this wine hard to read when first poured but it expanded in the glass to reveal a pinot of great power and purity with rapier-like focus and an incredibly lengthy finish. Profoundly impressive wine with a fascinating future. Felton Road lease the Calvert vineyard in the Bannockburn district of Central Otago and split the annual grape harvest equally with Craggy Range and Pyramid Valley. The resulting wines provide clear evidence that winemaking influence is profound. 12

〇 $\begin{aligned} & \star \star \star \star \star \\ & 2012 \text { Felton Road }\end{aligned}$ Bannockburn Chardonnay, Central Otago, A\$53/NZ\$40
Aromatic and powerful chardonnay with an ethereal texture and lingering finish. Poised, high-energy wine with citrus, mineral, stone-fruit and winemaking flavours delivered with great subtlety. 8
 Bannockburn Pinot Noir, Central Otago, A\$70/NZ\$59
This wine shows berry/cherry and floral flavours against a background of savoury/earthy/spicy characters giving extra complexity. Firmly structured pinot noir that could benefit from time, though still quite approachable now. 11

