



FELTON ROAD

Felton Road • Riesling • 2005 • Bannockburn • Central Otago

Vintage & Vinification

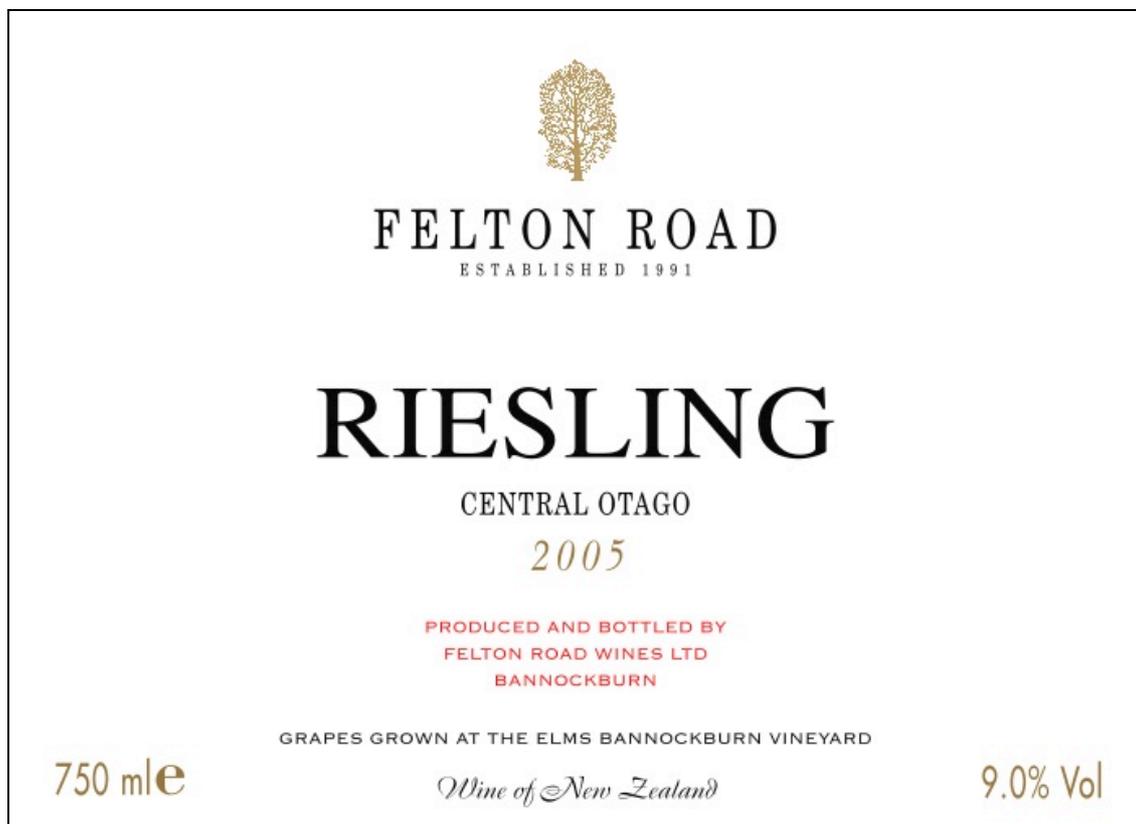
Cold and unsettled weather during the month of December resulted in a poor fruit set and low yields. The small harvest from Blocks 2 and 4 attained excellent ripeness of flavour with bright acidity and was hand picked in early May. Whole bunch pressing to minimise phenolic pick-up followed by careful winemaking with minimal processing preserves the delicate Riesling characters. The fermentation was stopped by chilling the wine and racking off the yeast lees at the desired sugar/acid balance.

Bouquet & Palate

Intense floral and mandarin aromas extend through to the palate of this luscious yet delicately poised Riesling. Considerable initial sweetness on the palate, is quickly balanced by the wine's natural high acidity. The low alcohol of 9.0% and exotic tropical fruit flavours contribute to the wine's precise and intricate balance. A wine that will richly reward cellaring of up to 10 years and beyond.

Comments on 2004 Riesling

“Named ‘Riesling’ rather unconfusingly, this is another blindingly pulchritudinous wine with spectacular balance and every flavour box ticked. Is it perfect? Honestly, yes it is. There are very few Rieslings in the world that warrant a 20/20 score in, but this one does.” **Matthew Jukes, March 2005, expertwine.com**



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