

Felton Road • Pinot Noir Block 5 • 2002 • Bannockburn • Central Otago

Vintage & Vinification

Detailed observations from the various vineyard blocks (and even within blocks), enable small parcels to be kept separate and handled appropriately in the winery. Careful vineyard work, high levels of maturity and moderate yields have resulted in concentrated ripe aromas and flavours. 80% destemmed with no crushing and 20% as whole clusters provide an extra layer of complexity, brings an apparent sweetness to the mid-palate. Drained by gravity from the fermenter directly to the underground cellar and aged for 18 months in French oak. Carefully racked from barrel and bottled with no fining or filtration.

Bouquet & Palate

A broad spectrum of aromas including black plums, ripe cherry, mocha and hints of forest floor. The palate offers deep and brooding richness from sweet dark fruits and a very harmonious palate with subtle well integrated oak, finishing with fine silky tannins. Underlying richness and power give this wine considerable length and offering excellent cellaring potential.

Comments on Previous Vintages

“The 2001 Block 5 Pinot Noir did New Zealand proud...The wine has superb fruit and a glorious perfume. It has length, although the dramatic initial impact of the fruit draws one’s attention forward on the palate. It has the intensity and structure to cellar well, and will do so. *Highly Recommended.*”

Wine Wise, Vol 19, Pinot Noir Odyssey, Lester Jesberg

