



FELTON ROAD

Felton Road • Pinot Noir • Block 3 • 2000 • Bannockburn • Central Otago

Vintage

Detailed observations from the various vineyard blocks (and even within blocks), enable small parcels to be kept separate and handled appropriately in the winery. The extended ripening period of the 2000 vintage allowed the grapes to hang and the small parcel of vines in Block 3 has expressed its site with a formidable range of exotic aromas and flavours. High levels of maturity and low yields have resulted in a concentrated ripe wine.

Vinification

75% destemmed with no crushing and 25% as whole clusters provide an extra layer of complexity and brings an apparent sweetness to the mid-palate. Drained by gravity from the fermenter directly to the underground cellar and aged for 11 months in 60% new French oak. Carefully racked from barrel and bottled with no fining or filtration.

Bouquet

Aromas of ripe cherries, complex spice and dried herbs with integrated toasty smoky oak.

Palate

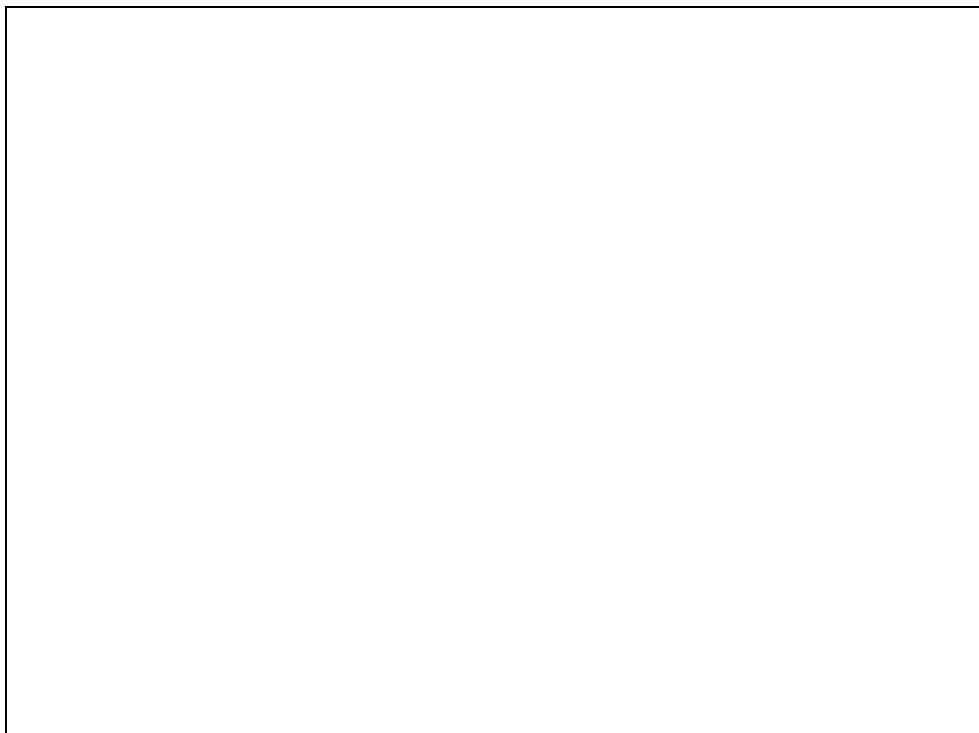
Concentrated dark cherry fruit with chocolate like, silky tannins. An intense and brooding Pinot Noir.

1999 Pinot Noir Block 3

5 Stars, Vic Williams, Penguin Good New Zealand Wine Guide 2001

5 Stars, Michael Cooper, Buyers Guide to NZ Wines 2001

The Wine Magazine Top 20 New Zealand Pinot Noir Tasting – “The 1999 was beautiful: sweet, ripe cherry fruit and autumnal whole-bunch fermented complexities; tobacco, lightly vegetal, stacked with interesting secondary characters.”



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