



## FELTON ROAD



### 2007 Felton Road Pinot Noir Cornish Point

#### Viticulture

Cornish Point Pinot Noir is single vineyard wine from the vineyard of that name. 24 Blocks of Pinot Noir are each planted to clone and rootstock combinations matched to subtle soil and aspect changes through the site. A total of 18 different clone and rootstock combinations make up the vineyard with high density planting at 4000 vines per hectare and careful row orientation (345 degrees) maximising the potential of the soils and aspect. The vineyard is organically and biodynamically managed, though at this time we are not certified (though proceeding to Demeter certification at the moment). The vineyard has a rich history as an early settlement and goldmine before being planted as an apricot orchard some 50 years ago. It was planted to vines in 2000.

#### Vintage & Vinification

The unique gravity flow winery enabled the grapes to be gently destemmed directly into open-top fermenters without pumping. Traditional fermentation with a moderately long maceration on skins has extracted good colour and tannin with considerable depth of flavour. This wine was aged for 11 months in French oak barrels from highly regarded Burgundian coopers. In accordance with our non-interventionalist approach to winemaking, this wine has not been fined or filtered.

#### Bouquet & Palate

The nose is fairly closed this early in the wine's life, but it is already clear that it will brim with violets, exotic spice and rich florals as the wine settles down. The palate is deep, viscous and voluptuous, with dark cherry, blackberry leaf and raspberry notes. The finish adds sweet chocolate and mocha to the mix with a touch of chewy tree sap and toast. Simply gorgeous: everything we love about Cornish Point.

#### eRobertParker.com, Neal Martin (USA) – April 2008. 91 Points

The 2006 Cornish Point Vineyard Pinot Noir is more muted on the nose which is imbued with a dusty, slightly savory quality with a touch of plum jam, the palate silky smooth upon entry with its grainy tannins becoming more apparent towards the sensuous finish with notes of wild strawberry and raspberry. It is very focused and harmonious, a joy to drink. New Zealand wine does not get much better than the coveted Block 3 and Block 5 Pinot Noirs although opinion seems to be split as to which is better.

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