

## Felton Road • Pinot Noir Block 5 • 2001 • Bannockburn • Central Otago

### ***Vintage & Vinification***

The excellent vintage combined with careful vineyard work over the growing season has allowed another bottling of Block 5. Detailed observations from the various vineyard blocks (and even within blocks), enable small parcels to be kept separate and handled appropriately in the winery. 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 and brings an apparent sweetness to the mid-palate. Drained by gravity from the fermented 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***

Aromas of black plums, cherry and forest floor.  
Deep almost brooding richness from sweet dark fruits.  
18 months in barrel has led to a very harmonious  
palate with subtle oak and fine silky tannins.  
Underlying richness and power give this wine  
considerable length and should cellar well.

### ***Cellaring***

Drinking superbly as a youthful Pinot Noir but will  
continue to develop and offer more complexity with  
careful cellaring.

### ***Comments on Previous Vintages***

“A big, rich, structured wine, with cola and rosemary notes that give nuance to the strong black-cherry aromas and flavors. With its plentiful but ripe tannins, it could use a couple year's of cellaring before being ready for primetime.” **The Wine Enthusiast, Joe Czerwinski, May 2001, USA 91 Points**  
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