

Felton Road · Pinot Noir Block 5 · 2003 · 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 and brings an apparent sweetness to the midpalate. 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, exotic spice and hints of wild thyme. Sweet dark fruits lend a luxurious elegance to a well refined palate. Subtle and well integrated oak contributes to the fine silky finish with considerable length and offering excellent cellaring potential.

Comments on Previous Vintages

Felton Road 'Block 5' Pinot Noir 2002 - Central Otago (sc) "This deeply coloured youthful looking pinot with a smoky aroma is the perfection of integration in the palate. It's smooth and harmonious, spicy and lifted with cherry, black plum, mulled citrus, cloves and a suggestion of anise with tannin and oak behind it all. There's a touch of moccachino and an earthy savouriness with sweet fruit and violet/rose/herb flowers on finish. A wonderfully structured, velvety textured wine, the peacock's tail flares and the finish goes on and on. Deserves its status as one of Central's best." Sue Courtney – June 2004



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