The Real Review

ALLIANCE

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FELTON ROAD WINES BLOCK 5 PINOT NOIR 2023

97/100 ★★★★★ Drink: 2027-2039

Perfumed floral nose with crystalline small red fruit dusted in icing sugar. Very precise and aromatically layered. The palate is compact and concentrated with very good density and depth, wrapped in grainy, ripe tannins. Very long, evolving finish with a classic peacock's tail. The structure currently dominates the back-palate and this will need time to emerge properly but will be spectacular when it finally does.

FELTON ROAD WINES CALVERT NOIR 2023

94/100 ★★★★ Drink: 2026-2036

Perfumed black fruit with dried thyme and savoury mushroom, smoky coffee nuances: this is aromatically complex but also a bit edgy. The angular, chalky tannins coating the palate are currently chewy and contribute to a sense of austerity on the otherwise long finish. Beneath the structure is evident perfume and elegance waiting to emerge. It just needs time.

FELTON ROAD WINES BLOCK 2 CHARDONNAY 2023

95/100 ★★★★★ Drink: 2025-2036

Pithy, floral, chamomile, restrained. Plush, pillowy texture on the mid-palate with ripe apple stone-fruit, a hint of spice and a zingy sherbet finish. A more delicate and restrained, pithy, herbal style designed for ageing.

FELTON ROAD WINES BLOCK 6 CHARDONNAY 2023

96/100 $\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Drink: 2024-2036

Richer style, lots of lees weight. Very long and reverberating acidity. Spicy, evolving fruit with soft apple/stone-fruit and a complex, layered finish. Pithy minerality.

FELTON ROAD WINES DRY RIESLING 2024

95/100 $\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Drink: 2025-2039

Slightly flinty, with braided flavours of green apple, citrus oil, clover honey and sweet basil, this lithe wine has driving, zesty acidity and finely pithy phenolics. The citrus oil returns with some earthy, gravelly minerality as the delicately aromatic palate tapers down to a very long finish. A refined and elegant wine with plenty of energy and the impeccable balance which will allow it to develop over a long period.