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Felton Road, Bannockburn Chardonnay 2023 Central Otago **17**

Subtly spiced citrus. Creamy, beautifully modulated among some overly stylised wines. Really smart Chardonnay that balances fruit and winemaking and finishes with salty freshness.

14% / Drink 2024 – 2030 / £36 RRP

Felton Road, Block 2 Chardonnay 2023 Central Otago **17.5**

Smells a little richer than the Bannockburn but still restrained and elegant. Creamy, caressing texture suggesting old or big barrels. Freshness and finesse married and a finely grained texture. Tight and mouth-watering.

14% / Drink 2025 – 2033 / £43 RRP

Felton Road, Block 6 Chardonnay 2023 Central Otago **17.5**

A little more obviously oaky than the Block 2 but not overdone. Salty, very dry, much more place than variety. Mouth-watering citrus but not a fruity wine. Very long, highly strung.

14% / Drink 2025 – 2033 / £43 RRP

Felton Road, Bannockburn Point Pinot Noir 2023 Central Otago **17**

Mid crimson. Peppery and more savoury than the Marlborough Pinots I have tasted so far. Pure, dark-red fruit and nicely earthy. Firm and savoury on the palate, too, even though there's a cloak of sweet fruit. Firm, smooth tannins. Fresh, long and beautifully balanced.

13.5% / Drink 2025 – 2035 / £46 RRP

Felton Road, Calvert Pinot Noir 2023 Central Otago **17.5**

Mid cherry. More sweetly perfumed than the Bannockburn. Pure peppery cherry, with a light stemmy/herbal note highlighting the freshness. Deliciously dry and fresh on the palate. Deep, whole and gently chewy.

13.5% / Drink 2026 – 2036 / £56 RRP

Felton Road, Cornish Point Pinot Noir 2023 Central Otago **17**

Mid cherry red. Delicate, stemmy red fruits and refined herbal notes without greenness. Sweet and juicy on the palate, light-bodied, refined, dry and elegant on the finish.

14% / Drink 2026 – 2035 / £56 RRP

Felton Road, MacMuir Pinot Noir 2023 Central Otago **17++**

Mid crimson. Dark-red fruit with a suggestion of oak spice. Tied up in the structure at the moment, the fruit subdued but still providing the heart of the wine. Firm, smooth, serious and needs more time.

13.5% / Drink 2028 – 2038 / £62 RRP

Felton Road, Block 3 Pinot Noir 2023 Central Otago

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Mid crimson. Deeply and enticingly rich if not yet charming. Finely spiced dark-red fruit. Dark-red fruit on the palate, already velvety in texture, the tannins running deep like the flavour. Beautifully balanced for the long term, if you can resist it now. Elegantly dark on the finish.

13.5% / Drink 2027 – 2038 / £72 RRP

Felton Road, Block 5 Pinot Noir 2023 Central Otago

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Mid cherry red. Darker-fruited and spicier than the other Felton Road Pinots. Also has a touch of crushed stones giving an elegant minerally note. Firm, drily yet elegantly chewy. Intense without excess weight. Finely built with great fruit purity at the core. Seems restrained at the moment but there is so much there.

13.5% / Drink 2028 – 2038 / £72 RRP