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“New Zealand: Part 1” - Lisa Perrotti-Brown

FELTON ROAD Block 2 Chardonnay 2015 – 93 points

“The 2015 Block 2 Chardonnay offers gregarious notes of ripe apricots, pineapple, ginger and marzipan with hints of lemon curd, crushed stones and honey toast. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers great intensity with a lovely creamy texture and invigorating freshness, finishing long with some minerality.”

FELTON ROAD Block 3 Pinot Noir 2015 – 93 points

“Pale to medium ruby colored with a hint of purple, the 2015 Block 3 Pinot Noir opens with some earthy/stem notes, which soon give way to a core of red and black cherries, mulberries and violets, plus hints of black tea and tree bark. Medium-bodied, the black berry and earth flavors fill the mouth supported by a frame of ripe, fine grained tannins and just enough freshness, finishing long.”

FELTON ROAD Block 5 Pinot Noir 2015 – 92+ points

“Pale to medium ruby-purple colored, the 2015 Block 5 Pinot Noir is youthfully reticent, offering delicate earth and floral notes over a core of red berries and pomegranate, plus a waft of garrigue. Light to medium-bodied, it has a fine backbone of satiny textured tannins and just enough acid to carry the perfumed fruit to a good, long finish. Give it another couple of years in bottle to see it really strut its stuff.”

FELTON ROAD Bannockburn Chardonnay 2015 – 92 points

“The 2015 Chardonnay opens with ripe peaches, guava and grapefruit notes with underlying marzipan, orange blossoms and honeyed toast hints. Medium-bodied, the palate delivers great concentration and texture with a lively backbone and great length.”

FELTON ROAD Bannockburn Riesling 2016 – 91+ points

“The 2016 Riesling has expressive honeyed white peach, lime blossoms and tangerine peel scents with a waft of coriander seed. Off-dry, light-bodied and with a lively backbone of refreshing acidity, it offers great intensity and a long honeyed/citrus fruit finish.”

FELTON ROAD Bannockburn Pinot Noir 2015 – 90+ points

“Pale to medium ruby-purple in color, the 2015 Pinot Noir opens with notes of ripe black cherries and currants with touches of forest floor, aniseed and rose petals. The medium-bodied palate delivers softly textured red and black berry flavors with lovely poise and some earthiness coming through on the finish.”