



## FELTON ROAD

### *Wine Taste – Tyson Stelzer*

#### **Felton Road Bannockburn Chardonnay 2010 (\$50)**

**95 Points Drink:** 2011-2015

Magnificent concentration and fruit power, all the while honed, tight, mineral, linear. Wonderfully complex, crafted and characterful; brilliant nuances of lees-derived complexity of charcuterie and bacon fat, without losing its taut line of lemon zest and honed white peach. \$40 at Kemeny's & Dan's.

#### **Felton Road Block 2 Chardonnay 2009 (\$60)**

**95 Points Drink:** 2011-2016

Felton Road single handedly elevates the breathtaking peaks of Central Otago above the vast plains of New Zealand chardonnay, thanks to taut lemon zest, honed white peach and zesty acidity juxtaposed with complex, crafted, lees-derived bacon fat and charcuterie brilliance. \$51 at Dan's.

#### **Felton Road Pinot Noir 2010 (\$65)**

**96 Points Drink:** 2011-2017

Felton Road is my favourite producer in all of New Zealand right now and this wine is a large part of the reason. 2010 is as vintage you must not miss, more exuberant than ever in its violets, black cherries, exotic spice and pot pourri. It's rich with mulberry fruit and laced with perfume from start to finish, weaving through very fine, textural, mineral tannins. \$55 at WineStar, \$57 at Dan's.

#### **Felton Road Cornish Point Pinot Noir 2010 (\$75)**

**95 Points Drink:** 2011-2015

The lighter soils of Cornish Point slowed vine development compared with Felton Road, so this wine has always been a tad behind. No longer – the vines have reached a decade and they've hit their straps with great depth of black cherry fruit, violet perfume, layered exotic spice and textural tannins.

#### **Felton Road Block 3 Pinot Noir 2010 (\$100)**

**96 Points Drink:** 2013-2020

Absolutely legendary in its ethereal expression, this wine has no right to be \$87 at Dan's. Mesmeric bouquet of black cherries, graphite, exotic spice, violets and rose petals. A devastating palate sets pepper and exotic spice in a sea of finely textured, firmly poised tannins. Remarkable length, line, poise.

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