


# Felton Road

Felton Road Calvert Pinot Noir 2019 is a wine of remarkable finesse and precision, offering a seamless expression of Central Otago's renowned terroir.

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96 Decanter




Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Central Otago, New Zealand

### Region and Vineyards

Calvert Vineyard lies in the heart of **Bannockburn**, Central Otago, just **1 km east of The Elms Vineyard**. The soils at Calvert are predominantly **deep heavy silts with a thin loess topsoil**, contributing to the wine's polished texture and mineral complexity.

Felton Road's vineyards are managed under **biodynamic and organic certification (Demeter)**. Practices such as **hand-thinning, leaf plucking, and bunch thinning**, along with the planting of cover crops, enhance vine health, control vigor, and improve soil biodiversity. This careful attention ensures fruit of exceptional quality. The **continental climate**, with warm days and cool nights, creates optimal conditions for the slow ripening of Pinot Noir.

### Winemaking

The **2019 vintage** began with persistent rain throughout spring and early summer, nearly doubling the long-term average. This moisture proved beneficial, contributing to **healthy canopies** and small, loosely packed berries with thick skins and ripe seeds. The harvest began on **March 30** and concluded by **April 5**, producing fruit in perfect health and balance.

In the winery, the grapes were gently destemmed with **25% left as whole clusters**. After a **10-day pre-fermentation soak**, fermentation occurred naturally with **indigenous yeasts** in open-top fermenters, followed by regular hand punch-downs. The wine spent **23 days on skins** before being pressed and gravity-fed into barrels. Aging lasted **16 months in French oak (30% new)**, with no fining or filtration, to preserve its purity and structure.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color**: A vibrant ruby red with brilliant clarity.
- **Aroma**: Intense floral notes of **violet** and **rose petal**, complemented by layers of **spice** and **earthy minerality**.
- **Palate**: A beautifully detailed and elegant palate, featuring flavors of **red cherry**, **cranberry**, and hints of **clove**. The fine, polished tannins and bright acidity create an ethereal mouthfeel, leading to a long, graceful finish.

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## Did you know?

The Calvert Vineyard is a collaborative project between **Felton Road**, **Craggy Range**, and **Prophet's Rock**, all of whom produce single-vineyard Pinot Noir from this exceptional site. This allows a rare opportunity to compare the expressions of a single vineyard through different winemaking philosophies.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Duck breast with cherry reduction**: The wine's red fruit notes and acidity complement the richness of the duck.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: The earthy flavors in the dish mirror the wine's subtle spice and mineral tones.
- **Lamb chops with rosemary and garlic**: The wine's tannins balance the succulence of the lamb while enhancing its savory character.
- **Beet and goat cheese salad**: The wine's bright acidity and floral aromatics highlight the sweetness of the beets and the creaminess of the cheese.

96 Decanter

**Decanter (DCT) : 96 Points (2019)**

*Beautifully concentrated nose with ripe strawberries and raspberries, black cherry, hints of star anise and delicate oak spice. Fantastic purity of fruit. (Panel tasting) (10/2021)*

96 James Suckling

**James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2019)**

*A very vibrant and ripe Calvert with attractively spicy oak integration, as well as abundant red and dark cherries. Super fragrant. The palate is so silky and plush, packed with concentrated, fresh red-cherry flavor. Blueberry finish. Drink or hold.*