Felton Road

As the second-ever release from this single vineyard, the MacMuir Pinot Noir 2022 exemplifies Felton Road's commitment to expressing the nuances of its terroir through meticulous viticulture and non-interventionist winemaking.

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MacMuir Pinot Noir 2022

Central Otago, New Zealand

Region and Vineyards

The **MacMuir vineyard** is located just **1 km east of the Elms vineyard** and **300 m west of the Calvert vineyard**, all part of the **Bannockburn subregion** in Central Otago, New Zealand. The vineyard is known for its **deep, heavy silt soils** and **higher vine density**, which contribute to the structure and complexity of the wine.

The vineyard is managed with a strict focus on **organic and biodynamic practices**, certified by **BioGro** and **Demeter**, ensuring a sustainable and balanced environment. **Meticulous vineyard management**, including **shoot thinning, leaf plucking, and bunch thinning**, is carried out entirely by hand, allowing for the development of optimal fruit. Additionally, **cover crops** are planted between rows to promote biodiversity and improve **soil health**, further enhancing the expression of terroir.

Winemaking

In line with Felton Road's philosophy of **minimal intervention**, the winemaking process for the **2022 MacMuir Pinot Noir** allowed the vineyard's unique qualities to shine. The **gravity-flow winery** enabled gentle **destemming** of the grapes directly into open-top fermenters without pumping, preserving the integrity of the fruit. **25% of the fruit** was retained as **whole clusters**, enhancing the wine's complexity.

The wine underwent a **traditional fermentation** with a moderately long maceration on skins to extract **color, tannin, and depth of flavor**. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for **13 months in French oak barrels**, **25% of which were new**, from Burgundian coopers. No **fining or filtration** was applied, preserving the wine's natural complexity.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Pinot Noir

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: A deep ruby hue, reflecting the wine's concentration and depth.
- **Aroma**: The nose offers dark and beguiling aromas, with restrained **herbal notes**, touches of **chocolate**, and a sense of **transparency**, allowing each nuance to be fully expressed.
- **Palate**: The palate exudes **stature and authority**, inviting you to explore its complexity. Layers of dark fruit, herbaceous hints, and fine tannins combine in a **structured, yet elegant** framework. The wine is seamless and refined, with a finish that lingers and reveals additional layers over time.

Did you know?

The **MacMuir vineyard** has only been released as a single-vineyard wine twice, making the **2022 vintage** a rare and unique expression of Felton Road's portfolio. Its close proximity to the **Elms and Calvert vineyards** highlights the nuanced differences that a specific site can impart, despite being part of the same overall terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Lamb tagine with prunes and almonds**: The rich, slow-cooked flavors of the tagine complement the wine's dark fruit and subtle herbal notes, while the tannins provide structure against the richness of the dish.
- **Mushroom and truffle risotto**: The earthy depth of mushrooms and truffles pairs beautifully with the wine's complex layers of dark fruit and subtle spice.
- **Grilled duck breast with a cherry reduction**: The wine's restrained fruit and structured tannins mirror the richness of the duck and the sweet-sour balance of the cherry sauce.
- **Aged Gouda**: The firm texture and nutty, caramelized flavors of the cheese match the depth and complexity of the wine, providing a perfect contrast.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2022)

The 2022 MacMuir Pinot Noir is here in its second vintage, a new wine in the lineup for Felton Road. On the nose, this is saturated in red fruit flavor, with pomegranate molasses, white and pink peppercorns, violets and sandalwood. There's a lovely flow to this wine; it has loads of flavor, but it is svelte, polished and gentle all the way. A sleek finish rounds it out. I like it very much. 14.5% alcohol, sealed under screw cap.

95 Decanter

Decanter (DCT) : 95 Points (2021)

Bright cherry juiciness on the nose comes with notes of crushed red and black berries, followed by toast and pepper. The palate redoubles on this spiciness and comes with firm but fine tannins that makes this come across as muscular and bold. This needs bottle age. The first release of this vineyard and the wine spent 13 months in French oak of which a quarter was new.

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James Suckling (JS) : 95 Points (2021)

A dense and centrally focused red with a solid core of fruit with a ripeness and intensity. Lots of fruit. Round and polished tannins and a flavorful finish. Juicy and flavorful. Yet closes up at the end, A new single vineyard pinot from here. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification.

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