

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

91 points

Felton Road - 2009 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Full, deep medium red. More brooding and less floral on the nose than the Bannockburn example, offering aromas of dark raspberry, chocolate and earth. Round, silky, ripe and concentrated; at once more powerful and more monolithic than the Bannockburn, with a deeper pitch to its raspberry and earth flavors. This large-scaled pinot finishes chewy and long, with serious but ripe tannins." - Stephen Tanzer

September/October 2010

Decanter

5 stars

Felton Road - 2008 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Cornish Point has dense red and black fruit flavours interwoven with exotic oriental spices and savoury characters that are difficult to describe but easy to appreciate. This is a powerful, richly textured Pinot Noir with an impressively lingering finish. Now - 2016." - Bob Campbell MW

September 2010

Wine Enthusiast

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Felton Road - 2008 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Supple but structured, this is only the third vintage for Felton Road's Cornish Point Pinot and it is really starting to hit its stride. Touches of hickory smoke and mocha accent the dark plum and savory fruit, finishing long, spicy and with a note of brown-sugar sweetness." - Joe Czerwinski

June 1, 2010

Wine Spectator

91 points

Felton Road - 2008 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Light and juicy, with a nice intensity to the rose petal-scented blackberry, cherry and smoky, spicy flavors, lingering on the harmonious finish." - Harvey Steiman

December 15, 2009

eRobertParker.com

90 points

Felton Road - 2008 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Deep ruby-purple colour. More intense, fruity style. Wild strawberries and freshly crushed raspberries on the nose. Some black pepper. Fruitier on the palate, low to medium level of silky tannins. Medium-high acidity. Long finish." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW

November 2009

Burghound.com

90 points

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"A restrained nose that is also ripe but fresh and layered offers up aromas of cassis and blackberry that introduce sappy, concentrated and mouth coating flavors that possess a very different mouth feel as this is less precise but plusher and culminates in a solidly persistent and slightly warm finish. Qualitatively, there isn't much to separate this from the Calvert but stylistically, as noted, they are quite different. Those that prefer lush pinot should prefer this whereas those who are looking for precision and detail will likely prefer the Calvert." - Allen Meadows

October 1, 2009

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"Good bright medium red. High-pitched aromas of raspberry, flowers and spices. Penetrating, dry and tight; even a bit youthfully clenched today. This opened with air to show a silkier texture and an almost liqueur-like dark raspberry flavor..." -

Stephen Tanzer

September/October 2009

The Wine Advocate

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Felton Road - 2007 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"The 2007 Cornish Point Vineyard Pinot is imbued with a pure, red cherry and wild strawberry tinged nose with great clarity and lift. The palate is very well balanced, extremely well focused with good acidity, quite firm but fine tannins with a dry, almost reserved bergamot and cranberry-infused finish. Quite simply: crisp and delicious." - Neal Martin

Sep 2009

Wine Spectator

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Felton Road - 2007 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Layered and harmonious, with outstanding depth to black cherry, ripe raspberry and pomegranate extract flavors." - Harvey Steiman

June 15, 2009

Wine Enthusiast

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"From a relatively young vineyard (planted in 2000), this is a nicely complex effort, showing hints of rose pollen, cherries and herbal tea. It's round in the mouth, yet virtually weightless, showing off a wonderfully silky texture that persists through the finish." - Joe Czerwinski

May 2009

Wine & Spirits

92 points

Felton Road - 2007 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Black and spicy, this pinot has an underlying fragrance of strawberries and schist. There's sophistication to the structure, even if it isn't yet fully formed; a mellow, round complexity lasts on through the finish. This needs a year or two in the cellar to develop."

February 2009

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Felton Road - 2007 Pinot Noir, Cornish Point Vineyard, Central Otago

"Good full red. Inviting nose offers wild berries, spices and meat. Fat, lush and sweet, offering a superb combination of textural richness and energy. A real fruit and spice bomb of a pinot. Finishes with explosive, lingering berry fruit."

September/October 2008