

# BEL CANTO Dry Riesling

## What the press say .....

### 2023

**94/100** "... One of the best rieslings in New Zealand."

- James Suckling Wine Reviews, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

**18.5+/20** "... The generous fruit shows depth and layers ... This dry and complex style of Riesling is ready to mingle with multi-layers and textures ..."

- Candice Chow, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

### 2022

**94/100** "**Alsace-style riesling** with apricot, lime, orange blossom, apple and oyster shell flavours. The wine is dry but not austere. **It has energy and impressive complexity.** Good drinking now but with the potential to develop well with bottle age"

- Bob Campbell MW, *The Real Review*, NZ

**96/100** "... It's richly textured with beautifully pitched acidity, finishing expansive and persistent."

- Sam Kim, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

**94/100** "... the wine is floral, detailed and full ... **Really good. Textural**"

- Erin Larkin, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com), USA

**94/100** "The Bel Canto style is immediately reflected in this new release example ..."

- Cameron Douglas MS, [camdouglasms.com](http://camdouglasms.com), NZ

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**18.5+/20** "... This Dry Riesling shows focus and linearity, accompanied by complex flavours and a textural mouthfeel ...."

- Candice Chow, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

### 2020

"Thirty-seven years later the family business is still at the top of the New Zealand wine tree, with this Riesling, sourced from a single vineyard in Waipara, one of the best in the country. "Rich, mineral, slight petillance, dried fruits, apricots, honey: a complex, full rich style ...."

- *The Wine Merchant Magazine*, UK

**19.5/20** "... Bel Canto – the greatest Riesling aromatic wine they make each year. This is one of the top wines in New Zealand with its exquisite balance ... enormous concentration of flavour"

- Joelle Thompson, *Drinksbiz magazine*, NZ



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**96/100** "A huge, distinctive, aromatically prodigious, wine that leaps from the glass with aromas of orange blossom, marmalade, apricot, ginger and Manuka honey ... **This is an engaging, expressive wine that stands out from the crowd.**"

- New Zealand Wine Rater, Stephen Bennett MW & Lynnette Hudson, NZ

★★★★★ "... this wine erupts with orange zest, honeysuckle, layers of lime and quartziness, resulting in a dry, lip-smacking finish."

- Yvonne Lorkin, [www.yvonnelorkin.com](http://www.yvonnelorkin.com), NZ

**95/100** "Distinctive, floral, aromatic and classic with aromas of lime-flower and blossoms, honeysuckle and a botrytis tickle. A silky texture as the wine touches the palate with immediately contrasting acidity ... **A delicious wine** ..."

- Cameron Douglas MS, [camdouglasms.com](http://camdouglasms.com), NZ

**96/100** "Impressively complex and engaging ... **powerful yet graceful with excellent weight and persistency.** Richly textured and mouthfilling, it's brilliantly structured by firm acidity, finishing superbly long and flavoursome."

- Sam Kim, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

**19+/20** "... This complex flavour bomb made from Riesling with a portion of botrytis infected grapes shows a sophisticated range of flavours with depth and intensity."

- Candice Chow, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

**93/100** "... ripe, complex riesling with ginger, cinnamon, anise, mandarin zest and bush honey flavours."

- Bob Campbell MW, *The Real Review*, NZ

**93/100** "Beautiful Riesling ... Hints of botrytis spice. **Lightly sweet mouth feel.**"

- James Suckling Wine Reviews, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

### 2019

**96/100** "...Distinctive and complex ... **A rich, weighty, powerful wine with excellent flavour and concentration,** balanced by fresh acidity. **Impressive.**"

- New Zealand Wine Rater, Stephen Bennett MW & Lynnette Hudson, NZ

**95/100** "It's a real thrill when you find a memorable Riesling. There aren't that many of them worldwide, but Pegasus Bay shows a genius with Riesling that is rare ..."

- Oz Clarke, [www.threewinemen.co.uk](http://www.threewinemen.co.uk), UK

**95/100** "... It's opulent yet focused and refined ... long and delicious."

- Sam Kim, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

"One of the best Rieslings to be had outside Europe is the 'Bel Canto' Riesling produced by Pegasus Bay in Canterbury; it's made in a similar way to Smaragd wines, the best wines of Austria's Wachau region. It takes on texture and richness as the grapes are allowed to develop certain amount of *botrytis* rot before harvesting."

- Ronan Sayburn MS, 67 Pall Mall, UK



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★★★★★ "... **Still youthful, it is mouthfilling** ... with intense, ripe, grapefruit-like flavours, a hint of marmalade, and a **crisp, dryish, lasting finish**"

- Michael Cooper, *Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide*, NZ

**19+/20** "... **Multi-layers of interest have purity and concentration; bright acidity brings focus and tension. This is a concentrated dry Riesling** ..."

- Candice Chow, *www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz*, NZ

**94/100** "... **Delicious, dry, long. Another captivating Bel Canto from the PB team**"

- Cameron Douglas MS, *camerondouglasms.com*, NZ

**17+/20** "...Fruit quickly gives way to a grippy, unfurling stony complexity. **This is serious Riesling - it does one thing and it does it extremely well** - tense, coiled power in the manner of the impressive German trockens."

- Stephen Wong MW, *Wine Sentience*, NZ

"**Bel Canto Dry Riesling is one of New Zealand's most powerful white wines with its recognisably maverick personality and incredible potential for aging in the long term ... I love this wine.**"

- Joelle Thomson, *joellethomson.com*, NZ

### 2017

**19/20** "Bel Canto is one of New Zealand's greatest Rieslings from the outstanding Pegasus Bay team in North Canterbury ... Drinks very nicely now and will reward time in the cellar."

- Joelle Thompson, *Drinksbiz magazine*, NZ

**96/100** "... **Very complex.** The palate is rich and full-flavoured, intense and expansive It's quite Alsatian in style: **powerful, concentrated and rewarding.**"

- Huon Hooke, *The Real Review*, AUS

★★★★★ "... **a very powerful, weighty wine**, with concentrated, peachy flavours, hints of oranges and honey, **good delicacy and a dry, lasting finish.**"

- Michael Cooper, *www.michaelcooper.co.nz*, NZ

**95/100** "... As the wine opens up the complexity builds keeping pace with flavour concentration and texture. **Delicious!**"

- Cameron Douglas MS, *camerondouglasms.com*, NZ

★★★★★ "... **A very powerful, weighty wine**, it is bright, light yellow/green, with concentrated, peachy flavours, hints of oranges and honey, good delicacy and a lasting finish. It should be long-lived."

- Winestate Magazine, AUS

**93/100** "**Exotic** ... The palate has **distinctive weight and richness** with guava and apple pastry holding the finish."

- Nick Stock, *www.jamessuckling.com*, USA



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★★★★★ 95/100

"A gorgeous rendition of dry riesling, it is **richly fruited and fragrant** ... concentrated palate that is generously flavoured and persistent. **The wine is elegantly opulent and delectable**"

– Sam Kim – Wine Writer, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

94/100

"... **A richly-textured Riesling with a lingering finish**" - Bob Campbell MW, [www.bobcampbell.nz](http://www.bobcampbell.nz), NZ

### 2015

**92+/100** "... **It's rich and full-bodied, with an opulent, velvety mouthfeel** and luxurious flavours of bergamot and orange marmalade."

- Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

**97/100** **Sophisticated, complex and very enticing bouquet.** ... Dry, complex and layered on the palate, high acidity is contrasted by a little residual sweetness, honey tones and a core of fruit. **Complex lengthy finish - a fantastic wine.**

- Cameron Douglas MS, [camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz](http://camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz), NZ

**94/100** A very powerful and essence-like expression of pickled lime, preserved lemon and baked peach fruits. **The structure is impeccably judged, reining in massive amounts of flavor perfectly.**

- Nick Stock, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

★★★★★

"... concentrated, dense heart packed with harmoniously integrated flavours of ripe citrus fruits, marmalade, honeysuckle and musk. This has **real body and presence**, and the palate has a rounded and gently unctuous mouthfeel....**concentrated dry Riesling** with ripe citrus fruits, honey, musk and marmalade botrytis flavours on a rounded, unctuous palate"

- Raymond Chan, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz), NZ

**93/100** Dry, flavoursome riesling with honey, toast, lime, ginger and floral flavours. Quite a weighty example, with a drying backbone of phenolics and gentle acidity. **A rich and complex wine** that should develop well.

– Bob Campbell MW, [www.bobcampbell.nz](http://www.bobcampbell.nz), NZ

### 2014

★★★★★

"... this outstanding North Canterbury wine shines in just such a fashion with its tropical fruit aromas, juicy acidity, and **deliciously long finish**. Its drinks beautifully now but can age for a decade or more."

- Joelle Thompson, Drinksbiz, NZ

**92/100** "... concentrated and with a seductive satiny texture, it is an opulent, Rubenesque expression of a dry Riesling, and it **works beautifully**."

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA



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**19/20** It's a complex Riesling with apricot, honey, spice, clove, floral and citrus characters – a real medley of interesting flavours..... It gives a nod in the direction of Alsace. - *Bob Campbell MW, NZ*

**19/20** "...The wine is smooth in texture and there is considerable power and drive. The alcohol and lacy acidity are balanced, and the wine has excellent proportion, the dense core unfolding succulent citrus and exotic tropical fruit flavours on a very long and sustained finish. This is a full and substantial dryish Riesling with citrus, marmalade and honied flavours, **showing drive, power and balance.**" - *Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ*

### 2011

**93/100** Very rich-smelling nose of citrus and tropical fruits: mango, guava and papaya. Some botrytis-induced complexity on the nose, too. **The palate swells impressively** with a tropical flourish before finishing crisp and clean with a vibrant, lively acid line. - *Nick Stock www.jamessuckling.com, USA*

**93/100** 'An evocative name for a delicious wine. This full-bodied "dry" Riesling from the Waipara Valley is actually off-dry, but it's none the worse for that. This is exotic and rich, with old vine complexity and flavours of lime, peach and nectarine. It's especially good with spicy food, but is also delicious as an aperitif.' - *Tim Atkin MW, Decanter Magazine. UK*

**From Waipara riesling supremos Pegasus Bay, comes this amazing opulent and intense example** with a shimmering citrus and mineral salt character coursing through its lush palate of honey, marmalade, peach and lime oil.

- *Jo Burzynska, NZ Herald, NZ*