



Merlot Cabernet

What the press say

"Pegasus Bay Merlot Cabernet ages like clockwork"

- Matthew Jukes, 100 Most Iconic Wine Estates

2020

94/100 "... wonderfully flavoursome palate delivering excellent weight and plump mouthfeel ... bold yet stylish ..."

- Sam Kim, www.wineorbit.co.nz, NZ

18.5/20 "A delicious dark and complex blend ... an exceptional value red that drinks beautifully now and can age further."

- Joelle Thomson, *Drinksbiz Magazine*, NZ

94/100 "I really like the flower and red fruits here that flow across the palate. Medium-bodied with fine tannins and a reserved finish. **Very classy** ..."

- James Suckling *Wine Reviews*, www.jamessuckling.com, USA



"... Deeply coloured, it is full-bodied and rich ... supple tannins and a well-rounded finish. Still very youthful"

- Michael Cooper, www.michaelcooperwines.com, NZ

94/100 "... Lots to like about this wine. Will age well..."

- Cameron Douglas MS, www.camdouglasms.com, NZ

2019

91/100 "... Savoury chocolate notes add depth to the black-fruited palate."

- James Suckling *Wine Reviews*, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

17.5/20 "This superb full-bodied blend hails from the Waipara Valley in the heart of North Canterbury ... **Dark blackberry fruit flavours marry nicely with the smooth soft appeal of Merlot.**"

- Joelle Thomson, *Drinksbiz Magazine*, NZ



"... A saucy blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon, malbec and cabernet franc ... velvety-smooth textures and layers of plum, mocha, hints of leather and tobacco leaf on the palate ... Yum!."

- Yvonne Lorkin, www.yvonnelorkin.com, NZ



"... very good complexity, gentle tannins, and a supple, finely textured finish."

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

93/100 "Big, brooding, earthy, Bordelais style ... full-bodied, nicely weighted with rich, chewy tannins and positive length"

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



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95/100 “ ... Seductively smooth-textured wine ... **Delicious, complex red with good cellaring potential. Clearly from a top vintage ...**”
– Bob Campbell MW, *The Real Review*, NZ

94/100 “**Richly fruited and enticing ... flavoursome in the mouth with excellent weight and persistency. Plump and fleshy with a prolonged delicious finish.**”
– Sam Kim, *www.wineorbit.co.nz*, NZ

18.5+/20 “ **The wine possesses power and good energy generated by richness and concentration. This is readily delicious, with elegant and poise on a well-structured palate....**”
– Candice Chow, *www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz*, NZ

2018

★★★★★ **94/100** “**Remarkable red that probably owes much of its rich, ripe flavours to relatively old vines and the experienced hand of winemaker, Mat Donaldson ...**”
– Bob Campbell MW, *www.bobcampbell.nz*, NZ

93/100 “... Well made, youthful, fleshy and long. **A lovely example ready to enjoy ...**”
– Cameron Douglas MS, *camerondouglasms.com*, NZ

★★★★★ “... **mouthfilling with concentration**, vibrant blackcurrant, plum, herb and spice flavours, showing **good complexity, finely balanced tannins and obvious cellaring potential.**”
– Michael Cooper, *Winestate Magazine*, AUS

★★★★★ **93/100** “**Delightfully fruited and fragrant ...It’s succulent and smooth** on the palate with beautifully rounded mouthfeel, backed by polished tannins, finishing long and flavoursome.:
– Sam Kim, *www.wineorbit.co.nz*, NZ

2016

★★★★★ **18.5/20** “ Concentrated ... This is a refined Merlot and Cabernet based blend ... on a **vibrant palate with fine structure**”
– Raymond Chan, *www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz*, NZ

92/100 “ Dry, firm textures, youthful, **ripe and loaded with flavour ...Plenty of length and finish “**
– Cameron Douglas MS, *camerondouglasms.com*, NZ

Outstanding “ ... **Powerful, juicy, dark fruits dance on the palate ...Sumptuous fine-grained tannins and beautiful balance... Amazingly long and delicious finish ...**”
– Mark Henderson, *Otago Daily Times*, NZ

PEGASUS BAY

FINE NORTH CANTERBURY WINE



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92/100 “ ... This has richness and fullness on the palate with plump plums holding **very deep, fleshy and long**”

- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

2013

91/100 “An impressive wine for the ball of succulent ripe plum-flavored fruit it dishes up amid succulently ripe tannins and fresh, earthy, background complexity. **This has all-round appeal**, casual or formal!”

- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA



“ ... strong, vibrant blackcurrant, plum and spice flavours, finely integrated oak, ripe, supple tannins, and **excellent depth, complexity and harmony**.”

- Michael Copper, www.michaelcooper.co.nz, NZ



“ immensely appealing **Excellent length**”

- Winestate Magazine, AUS

92/100 “ ... Lovely bouquet of fruit, mineral, concentration and charm ... complex and intriguing ... **Great example from Canterbury**”

- Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz, NZ

2012



“...This has an elegant bouquet with gently building aromas of black berry and dark red plum fruit infused with redcurrants, herbs cedar and pencil shavings oak. **The nose is seamlessly melded and reveals fragrant spices**, musk and a suggestion of camphor. Medium-full bodied, the palate is softly concentrated with integrated flavours of red berry and currenty fruit, herbs, cedary oak and musk. The flavours show good depth and the palate flows smoothly with satin-like tannins, and underlying acid vitality. The wine carries to a long, complex-flavoured finish with secondary dried herb, undergrowth and sweet, cedary oak notes....”

- Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

2011



“Full-coloured, with fresh plum, spice and nutty oak flavours, **showing excellent complexity and depth.**”

- Michael Cooper's Buyers Guide, NZ

2010



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"impressive complexity ..." Good intensity of flavours...The oak is perfectly integrated and there's a lovely round, supple texture in the mouth, giving superb structure and balance
- *WineNZ magazine, NZ*

100 best wines "Chewy, fleshy red with plum, dark berry chocolate/mocha and nutty oak flavours. Deliciously accessible red."
- *Bob Campbell MW, Taste magazine. NZ*

2009



"Top Tip" **"From an excellent vintage** this is a bold and intense wine with aromas and flavours of dark plums, blackberries, cassis and blueberries. It has meaty style that makes it **dense and long lasting.**"
- *TizWine.com, NZ*