

Pinot Noir

What the press say

★★★★★ Awarded Super Classic Status

- Michael Cooper's Buyer's Guide, NZ

"The flight of Pegasus Bay Pinot Noirs continued to illustrate their burgundy influence, the reds often reminiscent of Morey-saint-Denis"

- Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, USA

"Felton Road, along with Pegasus Bay has been my favourite pinot producer in New Zealand for years."

- Steve Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, USA

2017

★★★★★ **95/100** "... wonderfully fruited and gorgeously styled ... **excellent weight and power ... mouthfilling and delectable with seductive complexity**"

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

★★★★★ "... Mouthfilling, sweet-fruited, savoury and supple ... **oak complexity and a rich, smooth finish.**"

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

94/100 "... youthful and complex pinot ... a very succulent and vibrant feel ... **So youthful and powerful, this is another great Pegasus Bay pinot.**"

- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

2016

92/100 "... it's clear that this is an **elegant**, medium weight style with a **precise structure ...**"

- Decanter Magazine, UK

94/100 "Wild herbs, bracken, red fruits ... **dense, succulent and seamlessly polished ...**Long and taut. Needs time."

- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

92/100 "... **a silky feel and a lingering finish** that echoes with attractive tea-like nuances."

Joe Czerwinski, Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, US

★★★★★ **95/100** "... dark fruit richness as well as savoury undertones ... **awesome power and concentration ... stylish and structured ... expansive and velvety**, finishing persistent and engaging."

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

94/100 "Dense, seamless and flavoursome pinot noir ... **Distinctive wine which is an expression of variety, place and winemaking ...**"

- Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ

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2015

96/100 **Super vibrant** with plenty of earthy forest floor aromas as well as toasted spices. The palate reveals a core of pristine dark cherry fruit flavour, **beautifully judged ripe tannins and a level of effortless depth that singles this out as a consistently great New Zealand pinot noir.**
- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

94/100 “A bouquet filled with raw energy, Pinosity and an abundance of individuality ... **Long finish. Very Pegasus Bay**”
- Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.com, NZ

★★★★★ “Boldly aromatic . The finish is **long and generous. Plenty of potential** here”
- Winestate magazine, AUS

★★★★★ **19+/20**
“ A beautifully **elegant and harmonious**, vibrant and bright-fruited Pinot Noir ...”
- Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

95/100 “Intense, youthful ...**elegant wine with power and a lingering finish** ...”
- Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ

94/100 “ **Sense of deliciousness from the first sip**, Effortless. Proper pinot”
- Gary Walsh, *The Winefront*, AUS

2014

96/100 **Top equal wine in a tasting of 2014 NZ Pinot Noirs** **Wow! Fabulous, complex bouquet** of broody dark red berries, layers of mineral and savoury whole-bunch and dried herb nuances. **Juicy, lush, generous and complex on the palate, with generous oak and ripe, very fine tannins.**
- Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz, NZ

96/100 Rich, weighty, ripe pinot noir with a dense, almost syrupy texture and plum jam, liquorice, Christmas cake flavours. **Big and slightly rustic wine with pleasing complexity. It has a suggestion of old vine density with underlying power and a lengthy finish.**
- Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ

94/100 “...**A very fresh and concentrated edition of this majestic pinot noir.** This is bathed in dark cherry fruits, earth and spices, and there's a meaty depth and plenty of forest bracken too. The tannins are long and grainy, and carry rich dark cherry-plum fruit flavors long”
- Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA

2013

94/100 “ ... **It's a wine of undeniable personality and charisma, as ever ...**”

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– Gary Walsh, www.winefront.com.au. AUS

95/100 ...NZ Pinot Noir Tasting among 1 of 7 rated as “Outstanding” – *Decanter magazine*. UK

96/100 “...Appealing, ripe and quite concentrated pinot noir ... **A supremely elegant wine with an intriguing rustic edge**” – *Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz*, NZ

19/20 “... The rich flavours are mouthfilling and carry to a long, lingering finish. **This is a rich, vibrant and mouthfilling, complex-detailed Pinot Noir** ... fine-grained, well-structured palate.” – *Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz*, NZ

Excellent to Outstanding “... Deceptively powerful wine that dances on the palate ... **Delicious.**” – *Otago Daily Times*. NZ

96/100 #1 wine under \$80 “... enticingly refined and elegantly understated ... a masterfully crafted expression of a remarkable site” – *Tyson Stelzer, Australian & New Zealand Wines of the Year 2017*

18.5/20 “...has the ability to live a long and beautiful life **It’s a keeper.** (And is consistently among my top five South Island Pinot Noirs.)” – *Joelle Thomson, Drinksbiz Magazine*, NZ

2012

18.5/20 “**The oak control is phenomenal, showing more elegance and sophistication than hundreds of Burgundies**” – *Matthew Jukes*, UK

93/100 Pegasus Bay is the flagship winery of Waipara, yet the wines remain realistically priced. Plum, cola and cherry notes are accompanied by strongly umami sensations akin to mushroom and roasted beef, giving this wine ample complexity. While the wine is concentrated, it has an airy, graceful feel to it. Drink 2016–2024. – *Wine Enthusiast*, USA

96/100 A sense of real depth, soothing dark cherry notes, some forest floor and deeply knitted oak. **The palate has noble tannins and the sort of structural complexity and completeness that is the envy of most other NZ Pinot Noir makers**” – *Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com*, USA

93/100 Full-flavoured Pinot Noir with plum, spice, glazed cherry, floral/violet and a hint of savoury and mineral character. Mouth-filling wine with obvious power and a lengthy finish. **A consistently top wine.** – *Bob Campbell MW*, NZ

2011

94/100 “Fine, fresh, vivid and interesting with an assertive cherry fruit nose. **Lovely supple, elegant palate shows nice precision. Lovely sweet fruit combined with spicy structure**”. – *Jamie Goode, www.wineanorak.com*, UK



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93/100 Lifted spicy cherry fruit on the nose with higher tones of raspberry coulis and cranberry.... Lively and driven on the palate, the red fruits show supporting characters of Asian spice and a waft of forest floor. Roast game, red licorice, milk chocolate and spicy oak complete the picture. **Great line, lively acidity and a balanced, lingering finish**". - Nick Stock, www.jamessuckling.com, USA