



Sauvignon Semillon

What the press say

"Pegasus Bay Sauvignon Semillon is one of my favourite New Zealand Wines"

- Joelle Thomson, www.joellethomson.com NZ

2020

92/100 "... The palate is dry with plenty of extract and a sense of innate power within a honed core. It is firm and focused with texture and weight ... This is a complex, layered white Bordeaux blend ..."

- Rebecca Gibb MW, *Vinous*, USA

19/20 "This maverick take on a dry white Bordeaux blend has superb complexity aligned with freshness ... It is a beautiful drink now and can age for up to a decade ..."

- Joelle Thomson, *Drinksbiz Magazine*, NZ

92/100 "... A bold and distinctive white wine ..."

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



"This distinctive Waipara, North Canterbury wine is concentrated and complex, with loads of personality ..."

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

95/100 "Complex and attractive ... a delicious textured wine ... The lees and light wood notes add complexity and length ..."

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

18.5/20 "... The flavours are complex and weighty; richness and ripe phenolics contribute to an unctuous palate and a lengthy finish ..."

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

93/100 "... Lengthy with excellent concentration."

- James Suckling Wine Reviews, www.jamesSuckling.com, USA

2019

94/100 "... Fantastic depth ... Creamy and layered, with a long, vivid and tangy finish."

- James Suckling Wine Reviews, www.jamesSuckling.com, USA

93/100 "Exotic and very floral ... Delicious, fresh, salty and mouth watering with a long finish."

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

92/100 "... an intensity of concentration on the midpalate that packs a punch ... It's idiosyncratic but it's also intriguing."

- Rebecca Gibb MW, *Vinous*, USA

19/20 "A beautiful wine for savouring now or cellaring ..."

- Joelle Thomson, *Drinksbiz Magazine*, NZ

94/100 "Wonderfully fruited and complex ... it's powerfully expressive and persistent on the palate delivering excellent weight ... Harmonious and flavoursome with engaging flavours."

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



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19/20 “ ... The combination offers a **great deal of complexity and punch**, with the rich, concentrated nuances, lends a **sophisticated, long finish** ... “

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

2018

94/100 “Flint, dried-apple and stone aromas follow through to a full body with **depth and intensity**. Very dry and layered. Even chewy. Dried mango at the end. **Flavourful finish. Solid.**”

- James Suckling Wine Reviews, www.jamesSuckling.com, USA

96/100 “**Wonderfully complex and engaging** ... It's **richly textured** with firm acidity, making it structured and immensely long on the finish”

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

94/100 “ ... **Harmonious and complete** ... **dynamic citrus and stone fruit flavours. Delicious, balanced and well made.**”

- Decanter Magazine

17/20 “ ... **young but likely to gain in complexity thanks to the balance that is already obvious. Crisp but deep.**”

- Julia Harding, www.jancisrobinson.com, UK

18.5/20 “This is a new vintage of one of the country's best dry whites from North canterbury's Pegasus Bay Winery ... Drinks deliciously well now and can age for at least a decade ...”

- Joelle Thomson, *Drinksbiz Magazine*, NZ

17.5/20 “ ... This is **always a consistent wine and it ages very well** - easily a decade, often more ...”

- Stephen Wong MW



“The distinctive North Canterbury wine has **loads of personality**...”

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

95/100 “**Totally captivating bouquet** ... **A totally delicious wine** - I wish more people could discover this fantastic example.”

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

2017



95/100 “... **Gorgeously complex and engaging** ... concentrated palate that's vibrant and richly textured at the same time ... **opulent and powerful** ... mouth-watering.”

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

94/100 “ ... a very complex and zesty style ... a **rich, powerfully concentrated frame**. ... ”.

- Nick Stock, www.jamesSuckling.com, USA



“ ... The distinctive North Canterbury wine has **loads of personality** ... and a **tightly structured, lasting finish**”.

- Michael Cooper, *Listener magazine*, NZ



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2016

92/100 “... the palate is **well balanced and quite precise and detailed**, presenting a fine bead of acidity ... **Excellent**”
- Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, USA

★★★★★ **18.5/20** “... The nose is firmly concentrated and beautifully proportioned with elegant, but intensely concentrated aromas **Elegant, vibrant, finely concentrated**”
- Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

★★★★★ **94/100** “Concentrated and quite funky wine, with weight and texture
- Bob Campbell MW. www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ

2015

93/100 “**A very concentrated full-tilt take on the Style** . A wealth of ripe lemon, cool herbs and bright tropical fruit accents as well as papaya on the palate. Flesh and acidity are well matched”.
- Nick Stock, www.jamesSuckling.com, USA

★★★★★ “**An absolute classic**, none of our judges were surprised..... absolutely set the bar for this exotic and exciting style over the decades. ...**Gorgeous stuff.**” - Yvonne Lorkin, *Dish magazine*, NZ

“**This is one of the South Island’s most complex and interesting white wines** richly textural white, modelled on the best Bordeaux whites and putting Canterbury’s finest”
- Joelle Thomson, www.joellethomson.com NZ

2014

91/100 “... intensely scented ... medium to full-bodied with a decadent oiliness to the texture, it fills the palate ... **finishing with great persistence** ...”
- Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, eRobertParker.com, USA

“ **One of my favourite New Zealand wines** and one that I buy extremely regularly and love even more every time I open it – again, **it’s all about savoury flavours ... complex creamy notes** ... fresh and zesty”
- Joelle Thomson, www.joellethomson.com NZ

91+/100 “...Really leaves the taste buds quivering ... **A rather uncompromising, idiosyncratic Sauvignon-Semillon blend in the style of a white Bordeaux.**” - Steve Tanzer, www.vinous.com, USA

18+/20 “... This is a moderately rich, **concentrated and harmoniously presented** Sauvignon/Semillon blend with subtle complexities and a soft, dry finish.”
- Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ



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“... **concentrated and complex, with loads of personality** ... A very distinctive wine”
– Michael Copper, www.michaelcooper.co.nz, NZ

2013

95/100 “... An intense white blend with a cult following ... **A characterful wine with attitude.** Very distinctive”
– Bob Campbell MW, www.bobcampbell.nz, NZ

18.5/20 “... This has a fine-texture mouthfeel with fresh, underlying acidity lending a positive core and line with good drive. The wine carries effortlessly to a sweet-fruited, weighty and sustained finish **This is a soft, concentrated Sauvignon and Semillon blend with smooth textures and flow, good integration** ...”
– Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

94/100 “... On the palate - quite a powerful impact with plenty of acidity contrasted immediately with ripe citrus and orchard fruit flavours ... lots of texture dry, lengthy finish and quite classical. **One for the cellar**”
– Cameron Douglas MS, camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz, NZ

95/100 “... impressively complex and engaging on the nose ... palate is concentrated and beautifully weighted ... **A stunning alternative-style** ...”
– Sam Kim, *Wine Orbit*, NZ

2012

94/100 “**This wine has excellent fruit freshness, complexity balance and length.** Oatmeal, stone fruit and tropical fruits with complexity. In the mouth a complex cascading quince citrus and finishing lychee awash in tropical zesty acidity with fresh ripe citrus, passionfruit, guava, lemon and pink grapefruits **all offering flavours to drive exceptional length and complexity.**”
– Rob Geddes MW Author of *Australia Wine Vintages*, AUS



“The fruit richness is balanced and cut by crisp acidity, and the palate is elegant in proportion with a fine phenolic line smoothly carrying the wine. As the wine flows, the palate tends to dryness and the flavours lead to a long, lingering finish. This is an elegantly concentrated Sauvignon/Semillon blend with fresh, fruit and a fine linearity and dry mouthfeel. ...”
– Raymond Chan, www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz, NZ

This is a seriously powerful white wine and clearly semillon is an excelsior in the blend; wonderfully decadent and invigorating, drinking well now but you can sense with its unbridled power and cut it will cellar for 10 years or more.
– Curtis Marsh, www.thewanderingpalate.com

A **serious** and muscular Sauvignon dominant blend with ripe green fruits and a complex smoky, flinty element.
– *Wine NZ magazine*



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2011

92/100 Pale straw-tinged yellow. Complex, bracing aromas of gooseberry, white pepper, ginger, quinine, crushed stone and dusty herbs, plus a hint of lanolin. Broad, spicy and quite dry, with firm acidity giving excellent cut to the subtle flavors of citrus fruits and floral oils; **more concentrated than the overwhelming majority of New Zealand's sauvignon-based wines**. The long finish features a bitter-edged grapefruit note that calls for a year or two of patience.

- Steve Tanzer, www.internationalwinecellar.com, USA



The flavours lead to a very long, lingering, tightly bound finish. **This is a very elegant, concentrated Sauvignon Blanc based wine with very fine textures and complex flavours**

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

This is one of the country's best sauvignon blancs, but not as you normally know it. A little Semillon in this blend goes a long way towards creating a rainbow of flavours...The result is complex, fascinating flavours with richness, depth and length to burn.

- Joelle Thompson, *Your Weekend magazine*, NZ