



# VIRTUOSO Chardonnay

## What the press say .....

### 2016

**93/100** “The 2016 Virtuoso Chardonnay, actually brought to mind a Meursault Village from Coche-Dury ...very well balanced ... **intense finish that lingers in the mouth. Brilliant**”  
- Neal Martin, Antonio Galloni, Vinous, US

★★★★★ **95/100**

“This is **impressively complex** ... leading to a sumptuous palate that is **concentrated and weighty** ... terrific fruit power as well as engaging savoury nuances, finishing gloriously long and gratifying”  
- Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

★★★★★ **95/100**

“Intense, rich and weighty chardonnay ... **generously proportioned wine that’s deliciously drinkable** ...”  
- Bob Campbell MW, [www.bobcampbell.nz](http://www.bobcampbell.nz), NZ

**94/100** “ ... very rich aromas ....”  
- Nick Stock, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

**Outstanding** “ ... Fresh, vibrant, powerful with wonderful carry, drive and energy. **Density, yet gorgeous freshens and vibrancy**”  
- Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times, NZ

**18.5/20** “ ... Toasty, dry, full-bodied ... loads of weight and a lingering finish. **What more could you ask for in a top notch Chardonnay?** ...”  
- Joelle Thomson, Drinksbiz Magazine, NZ

### 2015

**94/100** **The top tier of chardonnay at Pegasus Bay is in great form** with a more reserved style than the regular estate bottling from the same the year. Fruit aromas are in the grapefruit and green mango zone. The palate heads more in a stone fruit direction. Supple and fresh.  
- Nick Stock, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

**95/100** “**Complex, alluring and seductive** bouquet ... complex and textured ...youthful and lengthy – **a wine to contemplate the world we live in right now**”  
- Cameron Douglas MS, [camerondouglasms.com](http://camerondouglasms.com), NZ

### 2013

**97/100** **Ranked #1 of 15** 2013 Chardonnay tasted from Waipara  
“...Flagship chardonnay, ... Lovely mouth-filling and very textural wine. **An excellent example of this consistently top chardonnay**”  
- Bob Campbell MW, [www.bobcampbell.nz](http://www.bobcampbell.nz), NZ



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**19.5/20** "... This is a rich, multi-dimensional, complex Chardonnay with layers of flavour and a vibrant, powerful palate. ...." - Raymond Chan, [www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz](http://www.raymondchanwinereviews.co.nz)

**Excellent** " .... Power yet finesse here, nicely balanced .... **A serious wine** that will repay time in the cellar." - Mark Henderson, *Otago Daily Times*, NZ

**92+/100** "... Wonderfully lush and rich but at the same time energetic and firm , with its stone fruit flavours perfectly balanced by spices and flinty minerals; salty and rich in extract...." - Steve Tanzer, [www.internationalwinecellar.com](http://www.internationalwinecellar.com), USA

**95/100** ... "...A powerful, rich and full bouquet of stone fruit, oak and spice: baked peach and nectarine with white spiced oak, new oak and a distinctive savoury/leesy complexity - even a flint-like edge. On the palate - dry, firm, youthful and intense... full-bodied and rich. **Great wine!**" - Cameron Douglas MS, [camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz](http://camerondouglasms.blogspot.co.nz), NZ

### 2010

**91+/100** The 2010 Virtuoso Chardonnay begins a bit subdued at this stage yet shows notes of apple tart, peach cobbler and ginger-honey, plus some cedar and citrus undertones. **The full-bodied palate is solidly structured with tight-knit fruit supported by a vibrant acid line and a finish with great length.** It should fan-out with a further year in bottle and drink it 2017+." - Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, USA

**90/100** "Plenty to like about the nose on this wine. Rich, juicy stone fruit characters of white peach and nectarine, with lighter citrus flavours following behind. Spicy and pure on the palate..." - Nick Stock, [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com), USA

★★★★★ **"A wonderful Waipara wine**, just starting to break into full stride, with peach, nectarine and nut flavours, showing lovely depth and drinkability." - Michael Cooper, *The Listener*, NZ

**96/100** A wine of commanding presence, the complex bouquet shows peach, mango, grapefruit and nutty oak aromas with subtle flinty notes. It's undeniably powerful on the palate yet perfectly balanced and harmonious. **This formidable chardonnay is multi-layered and sophisticated.** - Sam Kim, [www.wineorbit.co.nz](http://www.wineorbit.co.nz), NZ

### 2009

**93+/100 points** "The 2009 Virtuoso Chardonnay is a barrel selection wine, from older vines on their own rootstocks and naturally fermented/aged in French oak puncheons, 50% new. Crisp, concentrated and medium bodied in the mouth, it's still young and taut but has **a gorgeous satiny texture and a long finish.** " - Lisa Perrotti-Brown MW, *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*, USA

**96/100 points** "**One of the great chardonnay labels, Pegasus Bay have delivered an exceptional wine from the 2009 vintage.** It's gorgeously complex on the nose displaying stone fruit, oatmeal, cashew, vanilla and subtle savoury notes. The palate is superbly concentrated and focused with rich texture, finishing extremely long and expansive. Matured for three years before

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release - one year in barrel on lees, one in tank on light lees and one in bottle. Based on previous vintages of Virtuoso, **this stunning beauty will develop graciously.**

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