

PEGASUS BAY

FINE WAIPARA WINE



Reviews & Accolades

MERLOT CABERNET 2016

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Raymond Chan, May 2018

5 Stars & 18.5+ / 20 Points

Full, even, near impenetrable black-hued purple-ruby colour, youthful in appearance. The nose is elegantly concentrated with bright and vibrant primary fruit aromas of dark-red berry fruit and dark plums, harmoniously melded with soft notes of blackberries and blackcurrants, some fragrant redcurrants, lifted red floral elements and a little spice. Medium-full bodied, the palate has a refined and concentrated core of bright and lively primary fruit flavours of dark-red berryfruit, dark plums, subtle notes of black and redcurrants and fresh, whole-berry fermentation nuances. The fruit has plenty of drive and linearity, and is supported by fine-grained tannin extraction lending structure and grip. The fruit carries to an elegant, black-fruited finish. This is a refined Merlot and Cabernet based blend with ripe dark berry and plum fruit with some primary and whole berry ferment lift, on a vibrant palate with fine structure. Serve with grilled and roasted red meats and Mediterranean fare over the next 6+ years. A blend of 40% each Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon with 15% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc, the fruit from vines over 30 y.o., largely ungrafted, and indigenous yeast fermented to 14.0% alc., the wine aged 2 years in 25% new French oak barriques.

THE LISTENER

Michael Cooper, June 2018

5 Stars

Who says you can't produce classy, merlot-based reds in the South Island? This Waipara red is dark and weighty (14% alc/vol), with complexity from lengthy barrel ageing. There are concentrated ripe blackcurrant and plum flavours and lovely depth and harmony.

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Cameron Douglas MS, June 2018

92 Points

Attractive, bold and enticing bouquet with an abundance of dark red plum and blackberry aromas; dark spices and toasty wood smoke aromas add complexity and muscle. Dry, firm textures, youthful, ripe and loaded with flavour. Dark plums, dark berries, an abundance of dark berry of the forest flavours. Medium+ weight with firm tannins and acidity to match. Plenty of length and finish. A wine still developing and finding balance. Best from late 2019 through 2026.