

PEGASUS BAY
FINE NORTH CANTERBURY WINE



Reviews & Accolades

PINOT NOIR 2015

ODT.CO.NZ

Mark Henderon, October 2018

Excellent to Outstanding

Subtly attractive nose mixes earth, mixed fruits and a little funk, adding liqueur fruits in time. A real punch to the fruit in the mouth, obvious intensity with lashings of cherries, a slippery, supple mouth-feel and an attractive, stalky (whole bunch?) note on the long finish that hangs in the mouth. Juicy, neatly balanced and already in a great place to enjoy.

WINEFRONT.COM.AU

Gary Walsh, June 2018

94/100

Spicy, lightly herbal perfume with earthiness, dark cherry, sour cherry all jostling around. Juicy in the palate but with a kind of lovely softness, powdery texture, a tug of tannin and bright, fresh, amaro-like acidity. Sense of deliciousness from first sip. Effortless, proper pinot.

ROBERTPARKER.COM

Joe Czerwinski, March 2018

91 Points

Mixed red fruit on the nose and a silky, medium to full-bodied palate give the 2015 Pinot noir current appeal, but patient drinkers will be rewarded. It's richer and more complete than the 2014 yet retains a firmly tannic finish that suggests another year or two in the cellar would benefit.

JAMESSUCKLING.COM

Nick Stock, November 2017

96 Points

Super vibrant with plenty of earthy forest floor aromas as well as toasted spices. The palate reveals a core of pristine dark cherry fruit flavor, beautifully judged ripe tannins and a level of effortless depth that singles this out as a consistently great New Zealand pinot noir.

BOBCAMPBELL.NZ

Bob Campbell MW, May 2018

5 Stars & 95 Points

Intense, youthful pinot noir with floral, violet, plum, cherry, cocoa powder, spice and anise flavours. Dense yet elegant wine with power and a lingering finish. The wine really opened up in the glass and deserves to be aerated before serving. Good cellaring potential. Drink 2018 to 2024.

RAYMONDCHANWINERREVIEWS.CO.NZ

Raymond Chan, May 2018

5 Stars & 19.0+ / 20 Points

Dark ruby-red colour with a deep heart, a little lighter on the edge with slight purple hues. The bouquet is full and redolent of fragrant dark-red cherry and berry fruit entwined savoury notes of black plums and lifted dark herbs, unfolding dark-red floral elements. The aromatics form a deep heart with plenty of aromatic presence. Medium-full bodied, the palate has an elegant and harmoniously interwoven, rich and sweet-fruited heart with flavours of dark-red berry fruit with subtle notes of savoury plums, dark herbs and fragrant florals. The mouthfeel is bright and vibrant and the succulent fruit is supported by fine-grained tannin extraction with balanced acidity. The fruit vitality carries the wine to a long and sustained, sweet finish. This is a beautifully elegant and harmonious, vibrant and bright-fruited Pinot Noir with dark-red fruits, herbs and florals on a fresh, fine-grained palate. Match with poultry and pork, lamb, beef and venison over the next 6+ years. Fruit from mainly ungrafted vines over 30 y.o., indigenous yeast fermented with approx. 25% whole clusters and as many whole berries as possible to 13.5% alc., the wine aged 22 months in 40% new French oak barriques.

WINESTATE MAGAZINE

July / August 2018

5 Stars

Boldly aromatic, sitting very firmly in the darker fruited spectrum; blackberry, currant and plum with some star anise and liquorice too. There is new oak giving structure and backbone and the tannins are still quite marked. The finish is long and generous. Plenty of potential here just needs longer in bottle to harmonise properly.

THE SHOUT MAGAZINE

Cameron Douglas MS, March 2018

94 Points

A bouquet filled with raw energy, Pinosity and an abundance of individuality. Aromas and flavours of light red fruits, mushroom and soft dried herb. The signature of clay, gravel and limestone is central to the flavour alongside the fruit. No mistaking the use of oak and its meaningful measure. Long finish. Very Pegasus Bay.

JOELLETHOMSON.COM

Joelle Thomson, June 2018

North Canterbury is one of New Zealand's most outstanding wine regions for Pinot Noir, Riesling and Chardonnay, and also one of the least talked about – surprisingly so, especially when it comes to Pegasus Bay Wines. This family owned and run winery has always put its best forward with whites and while its Pinots have been impressive, this wine takes things to a different level. Dark earthy flavours rub shoulders with vibrant delicate red fruit flavours in this full bodied, dry and refreshing (thanks to Pinot's high acidity) wine. Every sip lingers. Another stunner from the Peg' Bay team.