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PEGASUS BAY BEL CANTO DRY RIESLING 2020



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"Another captivating Bel Canto from the PB team."



Product Code:	5913	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	North Canterbury	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Waipara	Alcohol:	14.5%
Style:	White	Grape:	100% Riesling
Variety:	Riesling		



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TASTING NOTES

Selected for the 2020 Fine Wines of New Zealand List

Pegasus Bay have an illustrious history with Riesling and would have to be considered as one of New Zealand's very top Riesling producers and many peoples favourite. From vines that are now over 30 years old, Bel Canto is Pegasus Bay's 'dry Riesling' and although technically dry at only 5 grams per litre of residual sugar it offers a wonderfully rich, complex and luscious palate.

Winery notes (2020 Vintage)

"Settled weather over flowering provided a healthy fruit set, which was then thinned back to desired levels. The ensuing summer was dry with very little rain, resulting in perfectly ripened small berries full of intense flavour and concentration. Thankfully, our harvest was able to proceed during the C-19 lockdown, and an unbroken autumn full of warm days meant

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each variety was picked at its optimum ripeness.

With its large diurnal range and long lingering autumns, North Canterbury is an ideal playground for Riesling, and Bel Canto is a perfect example of this. This wine is part of our reserve series, which we only make in exceptional years that are favourable for the development of noble botrytis. After an extended hang time, the bunches were hand selected with a portion of botrytis and a ripeness of approximately 25.5 Brix.

Upon release it is lemon-straw in colour. An enticing array of aromas swell from the glass, orange zest, quince, and melon, supported by beeswax, blossom, sweet spices and a touch of flint. The palate is full bodied and richly textured, with a pleasing mouthfeel and ripe phenolics that add structure and length. While concentrated, the wine still possesses a fresh and lively tension, it's refreshing acidity delivering a long harmonious finish."

5 Stars & 96/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, December 2021 (2020 Vintage)

"Impressively complex and engaging with golden apple, toasted spice, orange peel and potpourri aromas, it's powerful yet graceful with excellent weight and persistency. Richly textured and mouthfilling, it's brilliantly structured by firm acidity, finishing superbly long and flavoursome. Style: Dry. At its best: now to 2032."

Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, October 2021 (2020 Vintage)

"Distinctive, floral, aromatic and classic with aromas of lime-flower and blossoms, honeysuckle and a botrytis tickle. A silky texture as the wine touches the palate with immediately contrasting acidity then flavours of lime and lemon, apple and honeysuckle. The botrytis accentuates concentration and honeyed fruit flavours carried by acidity and youthful vigor. A delicious wine, drinkable today and in ten years or more. Ideal window is from late 2023 through 2030+."

5 Stars Yvonne Lorkin, October 2021 (2020 Vintage)

"Grown on the Glasnevin gravels in the lee of the Teviotdale Range, Pegasus Bay's riesling vines are 30+ yrs old now and each year they strap in to help the Donaldson family create one of New Zealand's most age-worthy wines. Named after matriarch Christine Donaldson and her superlative singing skills, this wine erupts with orange zest, honeysuckle, layers of lime and quartziness resulting in a dry, lip-smacking finish."

4 ½ Stars Michael Cooper (2020 Vintage)

"Bel Canto means 'Beautiful Singing'. Based on the estate's mature, ungrafted vines at Waipara, in North Canterbury, the 2020 vintage (4.5*) was late-harvested with 'a good portion of noble botrytis'. Bright, light lemon/green, it is very weighty (14.5 per cent alcohol/volume), with concentrated, youthful, peachy, vaguely honeyed flavours, and a dryish (6.8 grams/litre of residual sugar) finish. A very distinctive, powerful wine, it should be long-lived; best drinking 2023+."

5 Stars & 19+/20 (96) Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Reviews, October 2021 (2020 Vintage)

"Bright, pale yellow with a gold hue and some depth, even colour throughout. The nose is full and complex, filled the glass with aromas of lilies, beeswax, honey, unfolding mandarin, grapefruit zest, melon, along with ginger spice. Full-bodied, dry to taste, intense aromas packed on the palate. Mandarin, lemon, grapefruit zest melded with plush melon, unfolding beeswax, honey, white lilies and a spicy layer of ginger dusting. The fruit is rich and concentrated, enriched by the complexing characters of botrytised grape, showing profound nuances of beeswax, honey and white lilies. The ginger spice layer has clarity, elevated by integrated, mouthwatering acidity. A slightly unctuous mouthfeel retains complex flavours and contributes to an opulent appeal. This complex flavour bomb made from Riesling with a portion of botrytis infected grapes shows a sophisticated range of flavours with depth and intensity. Match with pan-fried chicken liver and squid ink pasta over the next 5-8 years. Only produced in exceptional years, with a portion of botrytis, cool-fermented to 14.5% alc, 6.9g/l RS."

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