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PEGASUS BAY MAESTRO MERLOT / MALBEC / CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020





$66.99

From the Superb 2020 Vintage - A Classic Maestro!

Product Code:	5088
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	North Canterbury
Sub Region:	Waipara
Style:	Red
Variety:	Cabernet / Merlot Blend
Producer:	Pegasus Bay

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	14.0%
Grape:	45% Merlot, 40% Malbec, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

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TASTING NOTES

Producer of the Year - Susie & Peter New Zealand Wines of the Year 2026

Pegasus Bay are no strangers to glowing praise, but they are particularly chuffed about a recent accolade they received being named PRODUCER OF THE YEAR in Susie & Peters NZ WINES OF THE YEAR 2026.

For those of you that don't know Susie & Peter, they are both UK based MW's and have a very popular podcast called Wine Blast. They tasted through over 200 wines from NZ's best producers to assemble the list. See the list here.

Only made in exceptional years, the Maestro is a highly sort after wine that sells out quickly on every release. It is a wine of depth and character with layers of flavours and will rank as one of Pegasus Bay's great Maestro releases.

Winery notes (2020 Vintage)
"It has an alluring deep purple tone. The nose is a volley of dark, earthy, and savoury notes, meshed on a lavish and complex canvas. Black forest fruit, mushroom, aged soy, and smoked game, bolstered with hints of liquorice, mixed spice, eucalyptus, and a whisp of tree moss. The palate is rugged and coiled, showcasing bold tannins and exhilarating acidity that converge to create a formidable backbone. Decadent fruit weight and impressive concentration play the perfect support role, giving balance and harmony, ensuring the wine remains expansive and richly textured throughout its sustained and lasting finish.

Maestro is part of our reserve series and represents the very best of our Bordeaux fruit. As with all our reserves, this celebrated claret style wine is only made in exceptional years. After being picked in mid-April, the grapes began fermentation naturally in stainless steel tanks. During this process the juice was regularly drained and sprayed back over the cap of floating grape skins (rather than plunging), to ensure a perfect tannin balance was extracted from the fruit. The wine was then gently pressed off and put into French oak barriques (approx. 50% new). The following summer, when the weather warmed, it underwent a natural malo-lactic (secondary) fermentation. After maturing in oak for 2 years, a selection from the best barrels was carefully blended to produce the most balanced yet complex wine possible. The finished product is a blend of approximately 45% Merlot, 40% Malbec, and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon."

Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, December 2024 (2020 Vintage)
"Fabulous bouquet and palate with texture and weight, complexity and style, there’s a classic Peg-Bay signature of soil and barrel spice inputs and impacts. Dark berries and bitter chocolate, blackcurrant and smoky wood spices. Dry, weighty and lengthy with complexity and charm, length and youth. Poised for ageing still with best drinking from 2028 through 2038+."

5 Stars & 95/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, December 2024 (2020 Vintage)
"Complex and engaging, the wine shows dark fruit richness, smoked game, bouquet garni, mixed spice, and cedar characters on the nose. The palate is equally satisfying with excellent concentration and expansive mouthfeel, superbly structured by seamlessly integrated tannins. Opulent with grace and harmony, finishing impressively long and refined. At its best: now to 2035."

5 Stars Michael Cooper (2020 Vintage)
"...it is a mouthfilling, rich red, with deep, purple-flushed colour. Full of youthful vigour, it is sweet-fruited, with concentrated, ripe, red berry, plum and spice flavours, hints of dark chocolate and nuts, oak-aging complexity, gentle acidity and a smooth, lasting finish."

5 Stars & 19.5/20 (97) Candice Chow, Raymond Chan Reviews, December 2024 (2020 Vintage)
"Full, deep purple with a ruby core, slightly lighter on the rim. The nose is full and complex, with savoury aromas of mushroom, forest floor, black plum, cassis, blackcurrant vine, cedar, spice and game. Full-bodied, aromas of black plum, cassis and blackberry are fresh, entwined with mushroom, forest floor and dark minerals, unfolding blackcurrant vine, star anise, liquorice and cedar. Fine-grained, opulent tannins generously coated the palate and unveiled rich herbs and stony minerals. Enlivening acidity carries pure fruit, weight and layers with elegance and vitality. A masterpiece. Match with Tomahawk and braised short ribs over the next 12+ years. Maestro is only produced in exceptional vintages. A blend of 45% Merlot, 40% Malbec and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, fermented in stainless steel tanks, pressed into French oak barriques for 2 years, approx 50% new."

94/100 Dave Brookes, James Halliday's Wine Companion, September 2025 (2020 Vintage)
"Deep crimson with aromas of blackberry, dark cherry and dark berry fruits with hints of smoky wood spice, roasting meats, brown spices, turned earth, cedar and dark chocolate nibs. Fruit-pure with earth, a roll of black fruit, a rush of dried herbs and fine, powdered riverstone tannins. Finishes savoury and as dry as a bone."

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