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## PEGASUS BAY MERLOT / CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020



Original price was: \$38.99. **\$32.99** Current price is: \$32.99.

Super satisfying and somewhat enigmatic local red



Product Code:	4372	Closure:	Screw Cap
Country:	New Zealand	Unit:	Each
Region:	North Canterbury	Volume:	750ml
Sub Region:	Waipara	Alcohol:	13.5%
Style:	Red	Grape:	Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc
Variety:	Cabernet / Merlot Blend		
Producer:	<a href="#">Pegasus Bay</a>		



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### TASTING NOTES

Pegasus Bay Merlot Cabernet is a wine that is an exception and exceptionally good! It is a wine that defies its cool climate origins and delivers rich, deep, earthy, dark fruited flavours on a strong grounded palate. We absolutely love it!

#### Winery notes (2020 Vintage)

"On release it has a deep crimson tint. A sensuous amalgam of dark fruit, wood smoke and spice rise temptingly from the glass. Impressions of bramble, cherry and plum first on attack, followed by a flotilla of roasted red pepper, aniseed, tobacco leaf, leather, and mint. The mouthfeel is impressively concentrated, with confident tannins and radiant acidity weaving across a wide, succulent palate. Brawny and classically structured, the voyage ends with a sustained and spice laden finish. While

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ready to drink now, this wine will reward careful cellaring for many years to come.

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 the fruit was picked at its optimum ripeness.

This wine is made in the same style as the celebrated Claret from Bordeaux, using traditional methods. After being picked during mid-April, the grapes began fermentation naturally in stainless steel tanks. During this process the juice was regularly pumped 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 (15% new). The following summer, when the weather warmed, it underwent a natural malo-lactic (secondary) fermentation. After maturing in oak for 18mths, the various batches were then carefully blended in varying portions to produce the most complex and balanced wine possible. The finished product is predominately Merlot, with the remainder comprised of Cabernet Sauvignon, and a small amount of Cabernet Franc."

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#### **Rated Excellent & 94/100 Cameron Douglas MS, June 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"Complex and concentrated bouquet of plums and vanilla, blackberry fruits and clove, fresh leather, smoky oak and violets. There's compote quality, a freshness and power. The softer merlot textures touch the palate first with cacao and chocolate, plums and spices that follow. The cabernet delivers power and back bone, blackberry and baked bell-pepper, some tobacco and more violets. Delicious and new, complex and dry, lengthy and well made. Best drinking from 2025 through 2034+."

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#### **5 Stars & 94/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, June 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"It's gorgeously ripe and lifted on the nose, showing blackcurrant, tobacco, cedary oak, tar and mixed spice aromas, leading to a wonderfully flavoursome palate delivering excellent weight and plump mouthfeel. Well structured by beautifully infused tannins, it's bold yet stylish with a persistent robust finish. At its best: now to 2032."

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#### **4 ½ Stars Michael Cooper, September 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"From estate-grown vines over 30 years old, the 2020 vintage of this Waipara Valley, North Canterbury red is a Merlot-based blend, with smaller portions of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. It was matured for 18 months in French oak barriques (15 per cent new). Deeply coloured, it is full-bodied and rich, with generous, vibrant plum, blackcurrant and spice flavours, supple tannins and a well-rounded finish. Still very youthful, it should be at its best 2025+."

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#### **Rated Very Good to Excellent, Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times, October 2023** (2020 Vintage)

"Something a little dark and mysterious about this, dusty, earthy, plum & berryfruit swelling, crushed leaf. The palate follows the nose, good flavour depth and concentration, the tannin structure evident with a lick of acidity adding freshness. Becomes more chewy with time adding a stalky, bittersweet element to the close."

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