

PEGASUS BAY PINOT NOIR 2021







An iconic North Canterbury Pinot Noir

Product Code:	4900
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	North Canterbury
Sub Region:	Waipara
Style:	Red
Variety:	Pinot Noir
Producer:	Pegasus Bay

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.0%
Grape:	100% Pinot Noir





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TASTING NOTES

This is not Pegasus Bay's flagship Pinot Noir, but it sometimes beats its big brother and has been consistently good for many years. A much-lauded style with intensity and an array of plum, berry, oak, toasted nut, mineral and anise spice flavours. There's a delightfully rustic hint to the wine, perhaps from the fine, ripe tannins.

Winery notes (2021 Vintage)

"Cold weather during bud burst resulted in lower crop levels, hence no further fruit thinning was carried out. The subsequent warm dry summer served up perfectly ripened small berries full of intense flavour and concentration. Favourable conditions continued into autumn, allowing the grapes to be picked at their optimum ripeness.

Its colour is a deep ruby upon release. Dark toned and seductive, the nose unfurls with an alluring bouquet of boysenberry, black cherry, and cacao, underpinned with a savoury underlay, reminiscent of wood spice, roast game, truffle, leather, and a tickle of cinnamon. The palate is decadently ripe and supple bodied, with fine grained tannins and generous fruit weight that combine to beautifully harmonise the wine. A backbone of zippy acidity creates the perfect union, adding structure and length on the long, succulent close."



5 Stars & 96/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, June 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Splendidly complex and sensually appealing, the wine shows dark plum, rich floral, dried mushroom and toasted nut aromas. The palate is equally satisfying with outstanding weight and generously textured mouthfeel, finishing superbly long and expansive. The wine offers layers of complex, delectable flavours, making it hugely appealing. At its best: now to 2035."

5 Stars & 95/100 Bob Campbell MW, The Real Review, July 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Intense pinot noir with cassis, blackberry, black cherry, spicy oak, dark chocolate and ripe plum flavours. Bold wine with appealing purity and nicely layered flavours that linger long after the wine has been swallowed. Accessible now but should age well."

Rated Outstanding & 95/100 Cameron Douglas MS, July 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"Distinctive bouquet of ripe black cherry and barrel spices, dark plum and wood smoke, there's a gun flint and savoury mineral quality and a core of ripeness and pinosity. Youthful, powerful, enticing. Delicious on the palate with a flinty ripe fruited core, dark cherry and black currant, a light dried herb quality, baked nut and wood smoke. Textures from tannins deliver a chalky fine quality, acidity some crunch and back bone. **A quality wine from start to finish** with best drinking from late 2024 through 2034."

5 Stars Michael Cooper, September 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"This is one of North Canterbury's greatest Pinot Noirs, typically very rich in body and flavour. Many of the vines are over 25 years old and the wine is matured for 15 months in French oak barriques (about 40 per cent new). Still very youthful, the 2021 vintage is deep ruby, with a perfumed bouquet. Mouthfilling and supple, it has deep, ripe cherry, plum and spice flavours, showing excellent complexity and richness, and a long, savoury, finely textured finish. A very graceful red, it's well worth cellaring to 2025+."

Top 10 Pinot Noir, October 2023, David Walker Bell, WineFolio.co.nz (2021 Vintage)

"Full marks to Pegasus Bay for personality in this one. I could see this being a "Love it or hate it" expression of Pinot Noir – and I see no harm in going down that path – who wants to be boring? A moody, brooding sensibility sets the tone, through to the aromas of charry oak, blueberry, popcorn and morello cherry."

Rated Excellent to Outstanding, Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times, November 2023 (2021 Vintage)

"A sense of volume, forest floor, fungi, dusty gravel, the sweet fruit and savoury notes flood in, a wisp of leather. Again ripe yet dry and while there's power & depth there's elegance too. The brisk acidity and big, chewy tannins provide the framework for the fruit. Long, attractively dry finish with a bittersweet quality. Nice balance, works superbly as a whole."

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