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PEGASUS BAY VIRTUOSO CHARDONNAY 2021





$64.99

Virtuoso = Outstanding...

Product Code:	5389
Country:	New Zealand
Region:	North Canterbury
Sub Region:	Waipara
Style:	White
Variety:	Chardonnay
Producer:	Pegasus Bay

Closure:	Screw Cap
Unit:	Each
Volume:	750ml
Alcohol:	13.5%
Grape:	100% Chardonnay

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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.

Pegasus Bay have an enviable following for their Pinot Noir and Rieslings, but one may argue that their best wine is in fact the Virtuoso Chardonnay. It is the top Chardonnay they produce from the oldest Mendoza clone vines (30+ years).

The 2021 was an exceptional vintage and the quality on offer here is nothing short of sensational! A wine of considerable power and intensity and full of the usual Pegasus Bay personality. Just check out some of the reviews below...

Winery notes (2021 Vintage)
"Virtuoso is part of our reserve series which we only make in exceptional years, provided it does not compromise the quality of our estate wines. It is a selection from the best barrels, coming from some of the oldest plantings in the vineyard.

In the glass, Virtuoso 21 exudes a radiant golden hue. The nose is striking and full, with enticing aromas of white peach, hawthorn flowers, roasted hazelnut and miso butter, underlain with subtle baking spices and a flinty nuance. There is great harmony between tension and texture on the palate, with a rich and lavish mouthfeel complimented by invigorating acidity that adds length and breadth. Powerful yet infinitely elegant, this is a multi-layered and engaging experience with a prolonged, gratifying finish."

97/100 Susie Barrie MW & Peter Richards MW (UK), Susie & Peter New Zealand Wines of the Year 2026 (2023 Vintage)
"This is a wine that makes your taste buds stand to attention, with pretty much everything you could throw at a quality Chardonnay in the mix, then with a spicy energetic tension and minerality to tie it all together and make it compellingly drinkable. Toasty, nutty, flinty, smoky, appley…a monumental (and monumentally enjoyable) wine."

5 Stars & 97/100 Sam Kim, Wine Orbit, June 2025 (2021 Vintage)
"Immensely complex and engaging, the bouquet presents aromas of citrus peel, golden peach, gun smoke, oatmeal, and hazelnut. It's concentrated and powerfully expressed on the palate, exhibiting outstanding weight and a creamy flow. Splendidly framed by bright acidity, leading to a persistent, sumptuous finish."

96/100 & Top 100 New Zealand Wines of 2025, JamesSuckling.com (2021 Vintage)
"Excellent tightness yet deep and dense with sliced cooked apples and citrus as well as some vanilla, cream and hints of salt. Subtle chalky texture. Long and flavourful, this is tangy with hints of caramel at the end. Give it three or four years, but it’s already beautiful."

Rated Outstanding & 96/100 Cameron Douglas MS, June 2025 (2021 Vintage)
"Immediately complex and bold with shape, form and power. Aromas of ripe yellow stone fruits, wood smoke and lees, baked apple and quince, roasted nut and burnt butter. On the palate full-bodied, taut and new still with textures from acidity and fruit power to the same of oak and nutty-lees complexities. Delicious and fresh, a fantastic example with a lengthy and exuberant finish."

5 Stars Yvonne Lorkin, July 2025 (2021 Vintage)
"Mat Donaldson and his team only create a Virtuoso when the fruit is exceptional, and in 2021, clearly the Chardonnay gods were smiling on their vineyards in Waipara, North Canterbury. The result is a deeply smoky, complex wine laced with baked stonefruit, charred pineapple and grilled grapefruit. Caramelised, spicy oak bolsters these veins of vibrant fruit and seamlessly integrates them into a seriously silky, deliciously muscular and elegant style which should be in every Chardonnay fan’s cellar. There’s a softly creamy ribbon running through the wine and it wraps around the smoky notes in perfect tune."

Mark Henderson, Otago Daily Times (2021 Vintage)
"Exuberant nose jumps out to greet you. Gunflint, struck match, warm baguette, ripe peach, toffee apple, so engaging and complex. Power and wonderful depth of flavour without ever feeling heavy. Dances in the mouth, vibrancy and liveliness, now picking up a hint of licorice, though it’s pointless divining the parts as it’s all about balance, integration and the sheer completeness of this. **Crackingly good.**"

93/100 Erin Larkin, RobertParker.com, Wine Advocate, June 2026 (2021 Vintage)
"The 2021 Virtuoso Chardonnay is toasty and spicy, with loads of concentrated fruit shaped by savoury phenolics. This is very good, nuanced and long, with a slightly "rough around the edges" styling but with intrigue and attraction in equal measure. I like the reduction very much. **This is very good.**"

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