

# Bel Canto Dry Riesling

2024

PEGASUS BAY  
FINE WAIPARA WINE



## 96 POINTS

**Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz**

June 2025

*Complex and enticing, the bouquet shows ripe apricot, pineapple, rockmelon, lemon cured, and warm spice aromas. The fabulously expressed palate displays excellent weight and finely textured mouthfeel, brilliantly structured by mouthwatering acidity, finishing superbly long and satisfying.*

## 95 POINTS

**Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com**

June 2025

*A fragrant and delicious wine with aromas of orange blossom and lime-flower, lime and grapefruit then red apple. Complex and classic PB style, youthful and captivating. A dry wine on the palate with a backbone of acidity and mineral framing flavours of citrus and apple reflecting the bouquet. Delicious, lengthy and very tasty.*

## 5 STARS

**Michael Cooper | michaelcooperwines.com**

July 2025

*Bel Canto means 'Beautiful Singing'. Based on the estate's mature vines at Waipara, in North Canterbury, the 2024 vintage was hand-picked at an advanced level of ripeness and tank fermented. Bright, light lemon/green, it is an invitingly scented wine with a powerful presence. Mouthfilling, it has rich yet delicate, very energetic flavours of peaches, lemons and lychees, and a very long, slightly off-dry finish. Already highly approachable, it's full of personality and likely to be long-lived.*

## 18.5 POINTS

**Candice Chow | Raymond Chan Wine Reviews**

June 2025

*Bright, even, pale yellow gold. The nose is full, with aromas of stonefruit, lychee, underlying citrus, zest, jasmine and orange blossom. Fullbodied, dry to taste, aromas of apricot, lychee and grapefruit intertwined with grapefruit peels, jasmine and orange blossom. The fruit is lush and shows good weight; invigorating acidity carries zesty spice and floral fragrance to an extended, layered finish. A consistent, complex and intriguing Riesling.*

## 93 POINTS

**James Suckling | jamesuckling.com**

December 2024

*Orange blossoms, sliced oranges and lemon peel as well as pears. Full-bodied, creamy and layered with ginseng and lemon at the end. This is harvested very late, giving it some botrytis.*

## 4 STARS

**Gavin Hubble | Grape to Glass**

June 2025

*This 2024 Riesling has a shining straw yellow colour with a soft lime glow. On the inviting nose you have honeysuckle, grilled pineapple, quince and a subtle hint of Turkish delight. The light to medium palate is engaging while celebrating those vibrant honeysuckle, floral and citrus flavours and a deft splash of pineapple, and all delivered to your tastebuds on soft acidity. The wine has personality and a suave nature from a gentle level of residual fruit sweetness giving this wine a beguiling grace and balance, while always leading to a refreshing off-dry finish.*

## 18.5 POINTS

**Joelle Thomson | joellethomson.com**

June 2025

*Bel Canto is the evocative name of the pinnacle of Pegasus Bay Rieslings - a dry, full bodied, intensely aromatic and vibrantly refreshing wine. The grapes in this wine typically spent significantly longer on the vine to allow them to develop the broad array of grapey aromatic complexity, which brings candied mandarin, a note of honey and subtle white peachy notes, along with bold citrus zest to balance the finish, which is crisp in style with lingering flavours.*