Chardonnay

2023

PEGASUS BAY
FINE WAIPARA WINE

95 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW

August 2026 *Elegant North Canterbury Chardonnay with layers of osyter shell, hazelnut, white peach and woodsmoke. Serious Chardonnay with cellaring potential.*

94 POINTS

Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglas.com

August 2026 *There's so much to like and even love about this wine. The bouquest alone is captivating with its lessy, almost cheesy rush, scents of baked brazil-nut and roasted stone fruits, fresh citrus peel and a stony gravelly soil undercurrent. Full-bodied with a satin touch then textures from lees and fine wood tannins, flavours of pomaceous and stone fruit laced with a citrus peel quality. Lengthy and delicious ...*

93 POINTS

Candice Chow | Candice Wine Chat

September 2026 *Bright, even, pale yellow gold. This has a bold bouquet, with aromas of struck match, roasted hazelnut, underlying pineapple, citrus and spice. Medium-full bodied, aromas of pineapple, pink grapefruit pith and melon, intermixed with roasted hazelnut and gun flint. The fruit is ripe, with bright, fresh acidity, enriched with toasty oak and flinty notes. Fine phenolics added weight and texture, leaving a grand impression…..*

93 POINTS

Gavin Hubble | Grape to Glass

August 2026 *This 2023 Chardonnay has a bright golden yellow colour with shining hue. On the alluring nose, you have aromas of almond biscotti, white peaches and mild brioche notes. The palate is medium weight, with a casual confidence showcasing green melon, white peach skin, mixed apples and infused almond and deft vanilla flavours. This wine has a fine grain to the palate, with a good level of fruit acidity giving the wine a dynamic edge, wrapped in a casual hug of French oak. This wine has multiple characters all vying for your attention on the classic dry finish.*

5 STARS

Phil Parker | Ponsonby News

September 2026 *Funky ripe grapefruit and gun flint aromas. Lean and elegant with hints of creamy cashew, toasty oak, grilled grapefruit and lime marmalade. Lengthy finish…..*

5 STARS

Michael Coopers

September 2026 *Strapping yet delicate, richly flavoured yet subtle, this sophisticated wine is one of the country's best Chardonnays grown south of Marlborough. Muscular and taut, it typically offers a seamless array of fresh, crisp, citrusy, biscuity, complex flavours and great concentration and length. … Bright, light yellow/green, the 2023 has a fragrant, complex bouquet. Mouthfilling and savoury, it has concentrated, vigorous, stonefruit flavours, gently seasoned with toasty oak, fresh acidity and a long finish. A distinctive wine, already highly expressive, it's a drink now or cellaring proposition*