

Finale Noble Sauvignon Semillon

2017



96 POINTS & 5 STARS

Huon Hooke | The Real Review

June 2020

Deep amber colour reflecting substantial bottle-age. The bouquet is very complex with smoked tea-leaves and burnt tobacco nuances, as well as honey, dried flowers and glacé fruits. The wine is full and rich, deep and concentrated and very sweet, but also finishes remarkably cleanly. There is plenty of acid and tannin ensuring that, plus a lingering warmth of alcohol. Big-time botrytis. Extra long aftertaste. A powerful and exotic wine that would be great with smelly cheeses.

GOLD MEDAL

The Six Nations Wine Challenge | sixnations.com.au

February 2020

Developing; leafy. Ripe and concentrated. Honeyed; sharp edge Deep golden amber with a nutty toasty barrel tinged nose; complex. Barley sugar, crème brûlée. Very powerful; concentrated and long; the palate not absurdly sweet but rich and layered. Firm; powerful; Heavy botrytis with citrus peel and beeswax. Intense limey acidity and

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Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

February 2020

Super rich and opulent, the wine shows dried apricot, Manuka honey, orange peel and toasted spice aromas on the nose, leading to a wonderfully concentrated palate that's fabulously sweet and creamy. It's lavishly expressed with a lengthy delicious finish. Made from botrytised sauvignon blanc and semillon; matured in barriques.

5 STARS

Michael Cooper | michaelcooper.co.nz

December 2019

A wine of strong presence, the 2017 vintage is a golden, honey-sweet North Canterbury wine, made in the classic Sauternes style. French oak-aged for 18 months, it has a fragrant, gently honeyed bouquet. Full-bodied, it has rich, apricot-like flavours, showing lovely complexity, poise and vigour.

Phil Parker | Ponsonby News, Auckland, New Zealand

December 2019

Renowned Waipara label Pegasus Bay produces a range of award-winning wines. This dessert style 'noble' wine is modelled on the French sauternes, ie. left late on the vine until shrivelled like sultanas and also affected by botrytis. These two factors concentrate the sugars and make a complex sweet wine. Smells like beeswax, honey and toffee. Intense flavours of grapefruit marmalade, hazelnut, crème brûlée and preserved pineapple with a crisp acidic nudge from the sauvignon blanc. A great match with a cheese board, dried fruit and nuts.

94/100 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | bobcampbell.nz

November 2019

Intense and very sweet botrytised wine with bush honey, grapefruit marmalade, spice, anise, peach, musk and exotic floral flavours. Sweetness is balanced by acidity and a slightly bitter finish. A concentrated wine.

Yvonne Lorkin | New Zealand Herald, Auckland, New Zealand

November 2019 *The sweetness of the maple and the hint of bitter in the walnuts make me want to beg, steal, borrow and do things my parents might not approve of to get hold a bottle of the Pegasus Bay Finale Noble Barrique Matured Sauvignon Blanc Semillon 2017.*

Why? Because it's the most gum-numbingly gorgeous, luxuriously toffee-laced, manuka honey-drizzled, apricot jam-jammed thing

I've tasted in a long, long time. And it's beyond perfect here.