

# Merlot Cabernet

## 2018

**PEGASUS BAY**  
FINE WAIPARA WINE



### 4.5 STARS

#### Michael Cooper | Winestate Magazine Australia

May/June 2020 *Still very youthful, this Waipara Valley, North Canterbury blend of merlot, cabernet sauvignon, cabernet franc and Malbec was matured for 18 months in French oak barriques. Full-coloured it is mouthfilling with concentration, vibrant blackcurrant, plum, herb and spice flavours, showing good complexity, finely balanced tannins and obvious cellaring potential.*

### 5 STARS & 93/100 POINTS

#### Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

March 2020 *Delightfully fruited and fragrant, the bouquet shows dark plum, cherry, olive, hazelnut and vanilla characters with a hint of dried herb complexity. It's succulent and smooth on the palate with beautifully rounded mouthfeel, backed by polished tannins, finishing long and flavoursome.*

### 93 POINTS

#### Cameron Douglas MS | camdouglasms.com

March 2020 *Ripe, fruity, varietal and inviting bouquet with aromas of dark plums, black cherry and blackberry. No mistaking the use of oak with dark spices and toast, the fruit soaks that up easily. On the palate - fleshy and juicy with a plush vibrant texture. Medium+ tannins with sweet oak and vanilla, blackberry and plum flavours. Some violet and dry stone mineral layers emerging as the wine begins to open up in glass. Well made, youthful, fleshy and long. A lovely example ready to enjoy ...*

### 4 STARS

#### Yvonne Lorkin | www.yvonnelorkin.com

March 2020 *Boasting more berries than a jam session at Strawberry Shortcake's house, this feisty, fleshy blend of merlot and cabernet sauvignon shows that the southern climes can indeed shine so far as the big reds are concerned. Showing signature plum, pepper and cocoa characters of merlot, alongside bay leaf, a tweak of tobacco and blueberry notes of cabernet sauvignon, it has a ripe, elegant mouthfeel, good generosity and fine-grained, tongue-clicking tannins to finish. Warming, savoury and deliciously drinkable. Nice one Pegasus Bay.*