

# Sauvignon Semillon

**2020****PEGASUS BAY**  
FINE WAIPARA WINE

## 93 POINTS

**James Suckling | [jamesuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com)**

October 2022

*Intense notes of flint, toast, beeswax, burnt lemons, pineapples, guavas and grilled herbs. It's medium- to full-bodied with tangy acidity and a waxy texture. Lengthy with excellent concentration.*

## 18.5/20 POINTS

**Candice Chow | [Raymond Chan Wine Reviews](https://www.raymondchanwine.com)**

September 2022

*Bright, pale yellow, even colour throughout. The nose is full, with striking aromas of struck match, roasted hazelnut overlying yellow fruit, and herbal elements. Full-bodied, aromas of nectarine, guava, pineapple interweave honeysuckle, ginger and herbs, unfolding roasted hazelnut and a struck match. The fruit is lush with good ripeness, supported by vibrant acidity. The flavours are complex and weighty; richness and ripe phenolics contribute to an unctuous palate and a lengthy finish. This complex and sophisticated Sauvignon Semillon blend possess ripe yellow fruit, herb, and spice details on a weighty and rich textured palate. ...*

## 95 POINTS

**Cameron Douglas MS | [camdouglasms.com](https://www.camdouglasms.com)**

October 2022

*Complex and attractive, there's a heady beguiling scent to the bouquet with aromas of quince and passionfruit, citrus peel and lemon drop, fresh herbs and wild passionfruit. Floral and mineral. On the palate a delicious textured wine with flavours of orange peel and quince, tropical fruits and citrus all with an herbaceous edge and new release energy. The lees and light wood notes add complexity and length. A great wine for food with best drinking from 2023 through 2029.*

## 5 STARS

**Michael Cooper | [michaelcooperwines.com](https://www.michaelcooperwines.com)**

October 2022

*This distinctive Waipara, North Canterbury wine is concentrated and complex, with loads of personality. It is typically a 70:30 blend of Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon, partly fermented and matured in French oak puncheons. From vines over 30 years old, the 2020 vintage is bright, light yellow/green, with a fragrant, complex bouquet. Mouthfilling, it has rich, ripe passionfruit, peach and lime flavours, gently seasoned with oak, savoury notes adding complexity, and a tightly structured, sustained finish.*

## 19/20 POINTS

**Joelle Thomson | [Drinksbiz](https://www.drinksbiz.com)**

March 2023

*This maverick take on a dry white Bordeaux blend has superb complexity aligned with freshness. A wide spectrum of fruit flavours, from green plums to ripe limes and passionfruit, are enhanced by savoury lees influence and outstanding acidity. The 70% Sauvignon Blanc in the blend provides bright tropical fruit flavours with 30% Semillon in the support role, bringing creaminess and body. This wine is always aged for a year prior to release, allowing integration and further complexity to develop. It is a beautiful drink now and can age for up to a decade, improving over that time.*

## 92 POINTS

**Bob Campbell MW | [The Real Review](https://www.therealreview.com)**

December 2022

*Bone-dry white wine with complex grapefruit, citrus, struck flint, pineapple, vanilla and loquat flavours supported by fruity acidity and fine, peppery tannins. A bold and distinctive white wine. Inspired by the white wines of Bordeaux.*