

Vergence Red

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PEGASUS BAY
FINE WAIPARA WINE



93 POINTS & 5 STARS

Sam Kim | wineorbit.co.nz

October 2020

This is impressive; the wonderfully lifted bouquet shows sweet berry, cake spice, floral and almond characters with dried herb nuances. The concentrated palate displays outstanding depth and power, combined with soothing mouthfeel and silky tannins, leading to a persistent refined finish. Made entirely from whole bunch pinot noir grapes.

90 POINTS

Allen Meadows | Burghound.com

October 2020

An elegant, pure and highly floral nose offers up notes of rose petal, lavender and violet along with various dark pinot scents. The delicious and attractively textured medium weight flavors possess good vibrancy as well as reasonably good detail on the dusty, mildly austere and sneaky long finish. This is not a seductive effort, but I like the depth, and this delivers excellent quality for the price.

5 STARS

Winestate Magazine | Australia

July / August 2020

This Central Otago pinot noir was fully whole-bunch fermented. A distinctive, generous red, it is full-coloured and fragrant, with concentrated plum and spice flavours, showing impressive complexity, and a firmly structured, long, spicy finish.

16.5/20

Stephen Wong MW | Wine Sentience, NZ

June 2020

100% whole bunch fermented, this has a really lifted perfume of floral, peppery notes, combining the dark ripe Tamarillo fruit with exotic spice box and root beer aromas. With time and air, layers of sweet and herbal/medicinal complexity peel away on the bouquet to reveal a core of dark figs. The palate is voluminous but unimposing, with an enveloping and caressing mouthfeel. The balance sits firmly within the powdery tannins and generous body rather than the typical acid-driven, tight structure of Pinot Noir as a variety. There is also distinct ripeness here; blackberry, black cherry and dark plum fruit thoroughly infused with a savoury, dried fruit character reflecting the very warm vintage. But this is far from just fruity, there is a recurring spicy sumac, nutmeg and peppery grip from front to back, punctuated by a wintergreen kick. There is a 'touch' of warming heat at the end of what is otherwise a satisfyingly chewy wine oozing with sweet sun-drenched fruit - again reflecting the vintage. This wine's purity of expression (there is no discernible oak here) and its easy-going, forward charm gives it a surprising approachability (despite what is clearly a powerfully concentrated heart of fruit with the stuffing to age). This presents an interesting interpretation of drink-now Nouveau-esque upfront complexity but the Pegasus Bay Pinot Noir DNA is clearly evident in the seriousness of the fruit.

18.5+/20

Candice Chow | Raymond Chan

July 2020

Deep, ruby-black, slightly lighter on the rim. The nose is softly full, bright aromas of black cherries, field berries are well-packed in the glass. Herbal notes of thyme and pine interweave deep florals and subtle cinnamon spice. Medium-full bodied, succulent fruit of black cherries and an amalgam of cranberries, tamarillo forms a good core; along with cinnamon, pepper melded with herbal elements, and deep florals lifted smokey underlay. The tannin is fine-textured and powdery, lightly coated the palate and leaves a silky mouthfeel. The acid is soft and balanced, bridging the flavours to a lingering, elegant finish. This is a harmonious Pinot Noir with succulent fruit, herbal and floral details and a fine powdery palate.

4 STARS & 92 POINTS

Bob Campbell MW | bobcampbell.nz

April 2020

A dynamic and experimental label. Fermented using 100% whole-bunches. An interesting wine with plum, savoury, earth, mocha and spicy flavours supported by generous but rounded tannins. A rich, textural wine offering an attractive contrast to Pegasus Bay's regular pinot noir.

5 STARS

Michael Cooper | michaelcooper.co.nz

December 2019

A real sense of lightness and elegance. Full-coloured, with a spicy fragrance, it is generous and supple, with plummy, spicy flavours, deep and complex, refined tannins and a long finish. Already very enjoyable, it's a distinctive red.

VERY GOOD TO EXCELLENT

Mark Henderson | Otago Daily Times

April 2021

Stewed fruits, rhubarb, oak char, perfume growing. Sweet and spicy on entry, atangy quality to the fruit reminiscent of tamarillo and cranberry. Aeration sees ashift to raspberry and plummy fruit notes as the fruit sweetness becomes more apparent. Juicy and bright, there's a youthful brashness to this that demands food or a little time.

97 POINTS & 5 STARS & TOP WINE OF THE NZ PINOT NOIR TASTING

Stephen Bennett MW | New Zealand Wine Rater

November 2021

What a fantastic wine to top the tasting and a real statement as to what whole-bunch fermentation can bring to a wine when managed and balanced to a high degree. Showing a really enticing, complex, gamy bouquet with a plethora of aromas such as wild berries, dark chocolate, coffee, crushed-thyme with plenty, (but not too much) vanilla oak in support. A seductive, plush, lush-textured wine with impressive weight, and a tasty, lingering finish that is perhaps the most impressive facet of all.