



2012 PIONEER SERIES *Chardonnay*

Shaky Bridge Pioneer Series wines are crafted to deliver a high quality entry point to the distinctive style of our wines. A 'younger sister' brand to our top tier Shaky Bridge Artisan Series, our Pioneer Series wines offer excellent grape typicity, flavor and value for money in each wine. We don't believe in compromising on quality at any pricing tier.

Winemakers Tasting Notes

Our Pioneer Series Chardonnay is made from fruit harvested from the Home Block and is a delicious marriage of stone fruits, refreshing citrus and tropical pineapple flavors. We blend a small portion of oak fermented Chardonnay with our main production of 'unoaked' wine to produce a bright, fresh style of Chardonnay balanced by the perfect touch of richness. Enjoy this wine on its own or match it with classic Kiwi summer fare; green salads, steamed mussels, crayfish, squid rings and scallops.

Winemaker

David Grant (NZ)

Harvest Date

Handpicked in late
April 2012

Vineyards

Home Block

Total Production

160 cases

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%, TA 5.6g/l, RS 3.5g/l

Winemaking Notes

We destemmed, crushed and loaded very ripe Chardonnay grapes directly into the press.

Following some skin contact, we pressed the skins and transferred the juice into a combination of stainless steel tanks and used oak barrels for fermentation and lees exposure.

Approximately 5% of the wine was barrel fermented and briefly aged in older oak barrels to add a touch of creaminess to the finished wine.



Shaky Bridge Wines is located in the stunningly beautiful Alexandra Basin of Central Otago, New Zealand. Our source vineyards are situated below the Southern 45th Parallel in the southern most winegrowing region on the globe. Our location is ideally suited to the creation of the aromatic varieties of white wines alongside our primary variety ; Pinot Noir.

Sourcing fruit from 6 distinct blocks, varying in age from 10 - 30+ years, Shaky Bridge Wines owns one of the oldest Pinot Noir vineyards in Central Otago. The various locations, soil types and clones used within each block provides our winemaker, Dave Grant, with a virtual painters pallet of flavors to create multi-dimensional wines of exceptional quality, depth and satisfaction.

