



2011 Pinot Noir

Our Shaky Bridge Artisan Series wines use our best hand-picked fruit each vintage and define our skill as a producer of quality wines. Hands on winemaking and endless attention to detail allow us to create multilayered wines of exceptional quality. All our Artisan Series wines provide a rewarding tasting experience, demonstrating the high quality attributes of our source vineyards in the Alexandra basin.

Winemakers Tasting Notes

Sourcing fruit from our 30 year old Home Block vines and the Terrace Vineyard, the deep purple color of this wine leads in to layers of bramble, thyme, blackberry, black cherry, licorice and hints of cocoa. Spiced vanilla oak and smoky notes complete an enriching sensory experience. Released in April 2013 following 18 months barrel age and 6 months in bottle, the wine is delicious to drink on release in 2013 but will benefit from up to 7 years cellaring. This is a wine to buy by the case and watch its development. Enjoy by 2020.

Winemaker

Dave Grant (NZ)
Dave Hook (NZ)

Harvest Date

Late April & May 2011

Vineyards

Home Block, Terrace

Total Production

320 cases

Wine Analysis

Alcohol 13.5%, TA 5.86g/l, pH 3.5, RS<0g/l

Winemaking Notes ~ Very low yields of very high quality Pinot Noir grapes were hand harvested around April 29. We destemmed and lightly crushed the grapes, leaving the juice and skins to cold soak for a period of about 12 days before primary fermentation.

Using warm fermentation temperatures the wine was hand plunged and pumped over several times daily. We racked the wine in to 40% new, 30% first year and 30% second year oak barrels for maturation and malolactic.

The wine remained in oak for 14 months prior to bottling. Given the grape quality and intensity of this wine, our use of oak was a departure from our usual 11 month regimen. We lightly filtered the wine before bottling



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.

