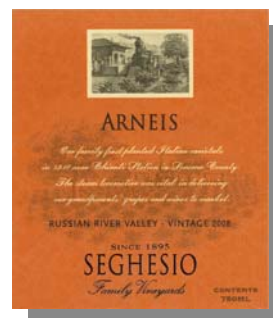


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## 2008 Arneis

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*Arneis originates from the hills of Roero, northwest of Alba in the Piemonte region of Italy from which our grandfather, Edoardo Seghesio, emigrated in 1886. First noted in Italian records as far back as 1478, Arneis' production grew as it was often planted among rows of Nebbiolo to lure hungry birds away from the more prized red grapes. Arneis' literal translation is "little rascal," due to the viticultural challenges it presents in the vineyard.*



*For some time, we had the largest planting of Arneis in the U.S., all of 26 vines. Today, we have 8 acres planted on our Keyhole Ranch where the cool climate produces highly expressive Arneis.*

Vineyard Location	Estate vineyard: Keyhole Ranch in Russian River Valley
Vintage	Mother Nature challenged us in 2008 with a second year of drought, a freeze at bloom, and high winds during set that literally blew some of the crop off the vines. Prior to harvest, ten consecutive days over 100° followed by a dry lightning storm set much of California ablaze had grape growers on edge. Our yields were down by 30% but we were relieved when they arrived to the crusher unscathed!
Vineyard Regime	Our crews were in the vineyards early and often removing fruit on weak shoots, positioning the canopy and, lastly, thinning under-ripe clusters to promote even fruit maturity.
Hand-Harvested	September 23 and October 2, 2008
Average Brix at Harvest	22.1°
Fermentation Regime	100% Stainless steel fermentation showcases crisp acidity and bright varietal fruit aromas
Food Affinities	Mild cheeses (brie), sushi, risotto, seafood, spicy Thai and Indian cuisine, and fruit accented salads.
<i>Alcohol – 13.1%                      Release Date – June 2009</i>	

### Winemaker Notes:

- 🍷 *Uncommon richness*
- 🍷 *Aromas of ripe pears, melons and spearmint*
- 🍷 *Intense flavors redolent of pear tart and ripe melons*
- 🍷 *Anise and almond tones add complexity*
- 🍷 *Crisp, lemony acidity*
- 🍷 *Medium bodied with lingering finish*

--- Ted Seghesio