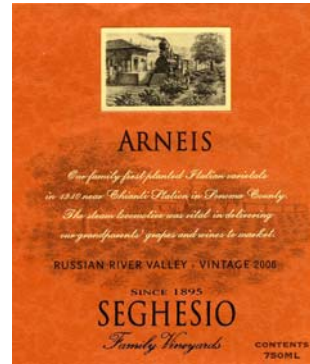

2006 Arneis

Arneis originates from the hills of Roero, northwest of Alba in the Piedmonte 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 (8800 vines) planted on our Keyhole Ranch where the cool climate produces highly expressive Arneis.

Vineyard Location	Estate vineyard: Keyhole Ranch in Russian River Valley
Vintage	A late bud break followed by frequent rain in April set the vines farther behind than normal making 2006 our latest vintage since 1981. The tight bloom window set a more uniform crop. A summer heat wave was moderated by a milder August and September to allow maximum hang time for optimum flavor and tannins at lesser sugars.
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	October 2 nd – 20 th , 2006
Average Brix at Harvest	22.9°
Fermentation Regime	100% Stainless steel fermentation
Food Affinities	Mild cheeses (brie), sushi, risotto, seafood and grilled vegetables
<i>Alcohol – 14.5% Release Date – June 2007</i>	

Winemaker Notes:

- ☉ Pale, Straw Hue
- ☉ Aromas and flavors of ripe apples and pear cobbler
- ☉ Spearmint perfume
- ☉ Crisp lemony acidity enhanced by mineral/anise tones
- ☉ Medium bodied with lingering finish

--- Ted Seghesio