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Arneis

Arneis is becoming the flagship wine of Piedmont, particularly when grown in the Roero region, where sandy soils help to bring a fresh, mineral quality to the wines. Historically on the lightly sweet side, more and more of these gently aromatic wines are being fermented to dryness. Some producers have also experimented with oak aging their Arneis, though for my tastes this obscures the lightly floral aromas and the wine's rich peach, apricot and apple flavors. Not big wines, Arneis makes for a great aperitif or companion to lightly fried foods like tempura.

An example of Arneis wine

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