

## Wine of the Week

**2010 Giovanni Almondo Roero  
Arneis "Vigne Sparse,"  
Piedmont, Italy; about \$19**

Arneis was a grape that was practically extinct when Alfredo Currado of Vietti and Bruno Giacosa brought it back from obscurity in the early '70s.

Theirs are still benchmark examples, but I also like very much the Arneis from Giovanni Almondo. On one of these lovely spring evenings, this 2010 Arneis makes a perfect aperitif. It's light and refreshing, perfumed with white peaches. And yet there's an underlying minerality that gives it some weight. Never one-dimensional,

Almondo's 2010 "Vigne Sparse" Arneis is one of the best I've tasted. It's dangerous to open a bottle too soon, though: It may not quite make it to the table.

— **S. Irene Virbila,**  
**McClatchy-Tribune**

