

Wine Corner

2010 Giovanni Almondo Roero Arneis 'Vigne Sparse'

REGION: Piedmont, Italy

PRICE: About \$19

STYLE: Light and refreshing

PAIRING: Grilled shrimp, fish
tacos, seafood pasta and paella,
Asian food

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 still are 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
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