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## Wine of the Day, No. 265

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Happy 50th Anniversary to one of my favorite white wines, the Vietti Roero Arneis, just released in its manifestation from 2016. Credit Alfredo Currado for rescuing the *arneis* grape from obscurity, now with its own appellation in Piedmont's Roero region, DOC in 1985 and DOCG in 2004. While Vietti is well-known for its single-vineyard Barbera and Barolo wines, the delicious Roero Arneis is a white wine you could sip for hours, as we do at a local Italian restaurant we frequent. The Vietti Roero Arneis 2016 is fresh as a daisy and clean as a whistle, yet it subtly evokes more serious aspects as the moments pass. The color is light but bright straw gold; aromas of roasted lemons, spiced pears and hay are woven with blithe notes of cloves and dried thyme, quince and ginger; an element of green tea and lemongrass lingers tantalizingly at the circumference. A lithe and supple texture glides over the palate in silky fashion, though spiked with crisp acidity and a burgeoning limestone and flint quality that provides a scintillating edge to spare stone-fruit flavors; the finish achieves a state of pure smoky mineral elegance. Great as aperitif but also with *frito misto*, calamari, simple seafood and fish preparations, grilled vegetables. Now through 2018. Excellent. About \$23.

Dalla Terra Winery Direct, Napa, Calif. *A sample for review.*