Arietta White Wine On the White Keys 2013

An unusually dry, but fairly mild, growing season served up some very mouthwatering white wines for Arietta in 2013. Both the Sauvignon Blanc, grown high atop Sonoma Mountain, and our Sauvignon Musque, from older plantings on Larry Hyde's vineyard in Napa, were harvested at desired Brix levels, but with record acidity. The fruit had—and the wine retains—unmistakable notes of citrus peel, lemon drop, and key lime, both in the aromas, and upon entry. The Semillon, from some of Hyde's oldest vines, as well as from a beautiful planting at Rancho Chimiles, in the eastern mountains of Napa Valley, provides breadth and weight to an otherwise bracing, high-energy wine. The combination is quintessential "White Keys," overflowing with all available descriptors of vibrant white wine: white flowers, orange peel, lemon zest, subtly fragrant oak, honey and vanilla bean. It excites the palate with a rush of bright fruit, then broadens and lengthens as the Semillon takes over the finish. A fine reflection of an outstanding vintage, this wine will live for a decade or more. 76% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon..

Blend: 76% Sauvignon Blanc, 24% Semillon
Fruit sources: 53% Sonoma Mountain, 31% Carneros, 16% Napa
Cooperage: New French oak 50%, second use French oak 31%, stainless steel 19%
Production: 635 cases

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