



Arietta Red Wine Quartet 2010

This fifth vintage of Arietta Red Wine “Quartet” features a superb vineyard source planted by viticulturist David Abreu in 2003. The vineyard, located in the relatively cool climate of Coombsville, was planted as if it had been designed for Arietta Quartet: just under two acres of Cabernet Sauvignon (Clones 4 and 337), a half-acre of Merlot, and a quarter acre each of Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. The fruit produces wine which is plush and classy without being heavy – ideal for Quartet, which is made to be approachable upon release. We spend many happy hours blending Arietta Quartet, which is composed of numerous small lots. The judicious addition of fruit from Arietta’s sources in Calistoga and Carneros adds depth, balance, and complexity. Ready to enjoy now, the Arietta Quartet 2010 should evolve beautifully in bottle for five to ten years.

Blend: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 19% Cabernet Franc, 2% Petit Verdot

Fruit Sources: 42% Coombsville, 29% Carneros, 29% Calistoga

Cooperage: 77% new French Oak, 23% second use French oak

Production: 800 cases

Release date: 2/1/2013

Tasting Notes from winemaker Andy Erickson: “The 2010 Arietta Quartet is marked by substantial power and structure, which underpin the dark, concentrated, plush core of ripe fruits. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc seem to be driving the overall impression of the wine, with cassis, bramble and sage riding on a solid chassis of carefully extracted tannin and dense color. The framework is balanced and rounded by soft, supple flavors and textures brought by the addition of Merlot.”