



Arietta Red Wine H Block Hudson Vineyards 2009

A blend of 78% Cabernet Franc and 22% Merlot, the 2009 Arietta Red Wine H Block Hudson Vineyards exudes beautiful, enticing aromas of hardwoods, fresh blueberries, and late summer rain. Alluring from the outset, the wine continues to open with time in the glass. On the palate, it shows an incredible finesse and balance, the fresh berry character leading to added layers of toast, leather, wild flowers and whole grains. With all its freshness and grace, one can only imagine that the Arietta H Block 2009 will continue to improve for easily a decade or more.

Blend: 79% Cabernet Franc, 21% Merlot

Fruit sources: 100% Hudson Vineyards, Carneros

Cooperage: 88% new French oak

Production: 345 cases

Release date: 2/1/12

Notes from winemaker Andy Erickson: 2009 was a unique growing season, bringing some challenges in the vineyard, but delivering wines with great definition, balance, and expression. Spring rains made for vigorous canopies and a potentially large crop. The crew at Hudson Vineyard worked diligently to bring the vines into balance, both in terms of leaf area and crop level. The growing season was relatively cool, and harvest crept into October, allowing the fruit to mature fully, but with relatively low potential alcohol. Fruit was harvested with ripe tannins and bright acidity, a luxury in Napa Valley. The resulting wines have a grace and balance that is remarkable.