



HANS HERZOG HANS FAMILY ESTATE



ARNEIS

Established in 1994, Herzog is an artisan family winery acclaimed throughout the world for growing handcrafted wines from a single vineyard with an unique microclimate. A diverse terroir allows Hans to indulge his passion for many exciting grape varieties. His 'hands on' approach, immense vineyard work and almost uneconomically low yields set the bar for his outstanding range of stunning wines rich in varietal character. His wine-making is purely natural, nothing is added or extracted, letting the stately wines speak for themselves.

VINTAGE 2025

Arneis, the prized white grape of Piedmont, thrives in the Roero region, where gravelly, sandy soils lend its wines remarkable minerality. Similarly, our Arneis flourishes in the mineral-rich soils beside the Wairau River, captivating enthusiasts worldwide. Hand-picked at an exceptionally low yield of around 700g per vine, it showcases remarkable depth and complexity. The ideal growing season delivered pristine, perfectly ripened berries, resulting in an elegant, aromatic wine of exceptional character.

HANS' COMMENT

A brief cold soak allowed flavour and aromatic compounds to gently infuse from the skins before natural fermentation commenced with indigenous yeasts. The wine matured for 11 months in a 500L French barrique, with regular bâtonnage and extended lees ageing building layers of texture, complexity, and depth. True to my hands-on approach in the vineyard and hands-off philosophy in the cellar, this small-batch wine was neither cold-stabilised nor fined, and only lightly filtered.

TASTING NOTES

A refined and quietly powerful expression, balancing freshness with subtle texture and depth. It opens with lifted citrus and orchard fruit, underscored by delicate floral notes. The palate is poised and mineral-driven, with fine tension and an elegant structure. Gentle lees work and barrel maturation bring a discreet roundness, leading to a long, composed finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

Variety	100% Arneis
Rootstock	3309
Vines Planted	2004
Soil	Shallow (<45 cm), free-draining sandy gravel over stony alluvium.
Plant density	5,500 vines/ha
Yield	2t/ha
Alcohol	14%
Ageing Potential	8 years
Bottled	792

FOOD MATCHING SUGGESTIONS

A natural partner to seafood and fish, beautifully suited to classic Italian dishes such as risotto, antipasti and light pasta, yet equally at home alongside Asian cuisine.

"The Swiss couple make wonderful handmade reds and whites from an array of grapes, from Viognier to Nebbiolo. In fact, the barrel of Nebbiolo they make is like something from the best of Barolo. Unfortunately, they are tiny production."

James Suckling - Oct 2022

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