



Arietta Red Wine Quartet 2015

Arietta Red Wine “Quartet” is a blend of four of the leading Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot. In most vintages the dominant varietal in the Quartet is Cabernet Sauvignon. We source grapes from our carefully chosen vineyard sites in three of Napa Valley’s AVAs: Coombsville, Carneros, and Calistoga. We age Quartet for twenty months in French oak barrels of which 30-50% are new--enough to support development in bottle for a decade, but with sufficient restraint to allow the wine to bloom fully soon after release.

Notes by winemaker Andy Erickson: Arietta’s vines proved their resilience in 2015, working their way through the driest growing season on record in California. In the end, the vines found the resources necessary to ripen a balanced but fairly limited crop. The grapes at harvest were intensely perfumed, with small berries and ample acidity. Arietta Quartet 2015 is a reflection of the stalwart nature of Arietta’s carefully selected vineyard blocks in Coombsville, Carneros, and Calistoga: overtly aromatic, richly textured, and packed with generous black fruit flavors. There is a sublime combination of silkiness, generosity, and density in the wine, and it will certainly continue to reveal more layers over the course of 10 to 15 years in bottle.

Blend: 51% Cabernet Sauvignon, 29% Merlot, 11% Cabernet Franc, 9% Petit Verdot

Fruit Sources: 46% Coombsville, 30% Carneros, 24% Calistoga

Elevage: 22 months in French oak barrels, 52% new

Production: 817 cases