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**Arnot-Roberts 2022**

2019 Arnot-Roberts Montecillo Cabernet Sauvignon - The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Montecillo Vineyard is a headspinning wine. Rich, dense and explosive, the 2019 captures all the pedigree of this great site. Readers will find a towering, statuesque Cabernet of the highest level. Graphite, leather, dried herbs, menthol and licorice play off a core of intense, dark fruit. Potent, muscular tannins need time to soften, but, wow, what a wine. Best of all, the Montecillo is one of the most insane values readers will find in elite California Cabernet Sauvignon. I would be thrilled to own it.

**98 2029-2044 Jan 2022**

2019 Arnot-Roberts Clajeux Cabernet Sauvignon - The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Clajeux Vineyard is a powerful, dense Chalk Hill wine. Dark fruit, dried herbs, white pepper and blood orange lend quite a bit of complexity. The 2019 has terrific freshness and energy to play off a core of red/purplish fruit, rose petal, lavender and blood orange. The purity of the flavors is terrific. The tannins are there, but they are beautifully woven into the wine's fabric.

**95 2027-2039 Jan 2022**

2019 Arnot-Roberts Fellom Ranch Cabernet Sauvignon - The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Fellom Ranch is the most broodingly tannic wine in this range. Readers will have to be patient, as the 2019 is incredibly tightly wound today. Time in the glass brings out all of that Santa Cruz Mountains savoriness and intensity. Leather, iron, scorched earth and tobacco fill out the layers over time. Fellom Ranch typically produces small berries and small juice yields. That natural intensity is especially evident in the 2019.

**94 2027-2044 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Chardonnay Trout Gulch - The 2020 Chardonnay Trout Gulch Vineyard is laser focused and vibrant, as it is in its best years. Crushed rocks, mint, white pepper, lemon peel and white flowers all race out of the glass. Bright saline notes extend the finish effortlessly. The 2020 is very nicely done, and also a great example of this Santa Cruz Mountains site.

**94 2022-2027 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict - The 2020 Chardonnay Sanford & Benedict captures all the magic of this iconic Sta. Rita Hills site. Ample, creamy and inviting, the 2020 is beautifully textured from start to finish. Apricot, lemon confit, white flowers, mint and marzipan build as the 2020 opens with a bit of air. Arnot-Roberts pulls fruit from the old-vine section of S&B, which was planted in 1971 with own-rooted vines.

**95 2022-2028 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Chardonnay Haynes Vineyard - A new wine in this range, the 2020 Chardonnay Haynes Vineyard captures all the character of this site in Coombsville. Readers will find a deep, phenolic Chardonnay built on structure. Dried flowers, sage, mint and dried pear add layers of nuance. Because of the tiny production of just two barrels, the Haynes was fermented in oak, which is not the norm here, but an approach that worked very well here in bringing out the essence of place. About 80% of this fruit is from 80 year-old vines.

**93 2022-2027 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Old Vine White Farmer Family Vineyard - The 2020 White Wine Old Vine Farmer Family Vineyard is rich, layered and exceptionally beautiful. Light tropical accents show the extroverted side of the year. Tangerine, spice, passionfruit, mint, lemon confit and lime are all layered together. This dry-farmed, Sonoma Valley field blend white is once again incredibly distinctive.

**93 2022-2026 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Ribolla Gialla Vare Vineyard - The 2020 Ribolla Gialla Vare Vineyard is super-elegant, savory and nuanced. In 2020, the Ribolla has a bit more edginess than in most years, probably a combination of the natural character of Ribolla, early bottling and the early personality of the year. I like the aromatics quite a bit, though. This needs time in bottle. There is plenty of energy.

**93 2022-2026 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Heaven & Earth Vineyard Pinot Noir - The 2020 Pinot Noir Heaven and Earth Vineyard is bright, floral and intensely savory. There is good energy and drive here, but it is hard to get past the angular contours and edginess here. This is an especially savory style. Red fruit, orange peel, sage and mint linger.

**90 2022-2028 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Peter Martin Ray Vineyard Pinot Noir - The 2020 Pinot Noir Peter Martin Ray Vineyard is dark, brooding and gamy. This is an especially virile expression of this Santa Cruz Mountains site. Black cherry, gravel, game, brown spice, leather and earthy notes abound. Firm, muscular tannins add an impression of rustic, deep intensity. This is a pretty potent wine, with a lot of whole cluster character running through it.

**89 2022-2028 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Syrah - One of the highlights in this range, the 2020 Syrah (California) is bright, punchy and explosive. Inky dark fruit, spice, licorice and leather are all kicked up in this juicy, exuberant Syrah. In 2020, a large percentage of the fruit is from Santa Maria, hence the broader California designation this year. Floral and savory accents linger. The 2020 is flat-out delicious.

**93 2022-2028 Jan 2022**

2020 Arnot-Roberts Que Vineyard Syrah - The 2020 Syrah Que Syrah Vineyard, from Nathan Roberts' home vineyard near Occidental, was picked very late for the year, on November 1. It offers up a beguiling mix of bacon fat, licorice, game, scorched earth, cracked pepper, grilled herbs and black fruit. The Que Syrah has a very strong, assertive profile loaded with the smokier, gamy qualities that are typical of Syrah, especially cool climate Syrah.

**93 2022-2028 Jan 2022**