

Decanter

Arnot-Roberts, Montecillo Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon, Moon Mountain,
Sonoma County California, USA 2022

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This glorious mountain wine comes from old, dry-farmed Cabernet planted on its roots in 1967. With a beautiful ruby hue and a diminutive 12%abv, this Mountain Cabernet is pure and brisk, with wild alpine herbs, eucalyptus, chopped mint, evergreen tips evocative of the deep forest and piquant notes of salted blood orange. The palate of this youthful Cabernet is effusive, with bramble fruits and a feral elegance marked by anise, chicory root tart red currant and streaks of minerality marked by graphite and smoked sea salt—a soaring example of what is possible from modern Cabernet Sauvignon, purity, light and fresh.