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Arnot Roberts – January 2015

2013 Arnot Roberts Chardonnay Watson Ranch - The 2013 Chardonnay Watson Ranch is a real gem. Lemon peel, white flowers, mint, crushed rocks and apricot pits are some of the notes that open up in the glass. The flavors are bright, precise and lifted, but it is the wine's superb textural balance that truly elevates it. The 2013 is fabulous, but it needs time in bottle to come together.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Chardonnay Trout Gulch - Another brilliant wine, the 2013 Chardonnay Trout Gulch bristles with energy and tension. The flavors are bright, precise and chiseled throughout. Lemon zest, lime, jasmine and crushed rocks literally jump from the glass in a crystalline, precise Chardonnay that dazzles from the very first taste. Arnot-Roberts' Trout Gulch is one of the most compelling Chardonnays being made in the United States. It's as simple as that.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Trousseau - The 2013 Trousseau is exotic and intriguing throughout. Sage, tobacco, dried cherries, game, mint and worn-in leather open up nicely in the glass. The 100% whole clusters are quite evident. I am not sure how varietal the 2013 is, or if winemaking decisions, particularly with regards to stem inclusion, are the dominant characteristics, but there is no doubt the wine is beautiful. The 2013 is ethereal, lifted throughout. All the elements are in the right place.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Legan Vineyard Pinot Noir - The 2013 Pinot Noir Legan Vineyard is bright, focused and absolutely impeccable in its balance. In this vintage, the Legan is all about subtlety and grace. Orange zest, sage, mint and sweet red

cherries are all laced together in a Pinot that captures the essence of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The 2013 has really shut down post-bottling, but it begins to uncoil with time in the glass. These own-rooted Mt. Eden clone vines on sandy soils yield an especially perfumed Pinot underpinned with brilliant saline notes.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Peter Martin Ray Vineyard Pinot Noir - The 2013 Pinot Noir Peter Martin Ray Vineyard has really blossomed over the last year. Dark red and blue fruit, herbs, tobacco and sweet spices flesh out in a savory, succulent Pinot endowed with gorgeous mid-palate depth and exceptional balance. This is a great showing from Arnot-Roberts. The Peter Martin Ray is the most overt and fruit-driven of the Arnot-Roberts Pinots.

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2013 Arnot Roberts North Coast Syrah - The 2013 Syrah North Coast emerges from a handful of top sites, including La Cruz, Baker Lane, Clary Ranch, Marietta, Griffin's Lair, and, for the first time, Que Syrah. One of the more exuberant, fruit-driven wines readers will taste from Arnot-Roberts, the 2013 Syrah hits the palate with a rush of blue and purplish-toned fruits. Hints of lavender, licorice and cloves add texture to a juicy, forward Syrah endowed with tons of near and medium-term appeal. Saline notes add texture on the finish, but they are nearly buried by the pure luxuriousness of the fruit. What a gorgeous wine this is.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Clary Ranch Syrah - A gorgeous, resonant wine, the 2013 Syrah Clary Ranch is a real standout. Savory and floral overtones add nuance to the dark fruit in a rich, resonant wine built on texture. Here, too, the 100% whole clusters are pretty much buried by the sheer intensity of the fruit. Silky and pliant through to the finish, the 2013 Clary Ranch should drink beautifully for the next decade-plus.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Griffin's Lair Vineyard Syrah - Another deep, inky wine 2013 Syrah Griffin's Lair Vineyard is striking, but also shows only a fraction of its true potential. Black pepper, smoke, inky purple fruit, cloves, game and menthol meld together in a deep, inky wine that is going to need further time in bottle as the tannins are quite imposing. This is a classic, coastal, cool-climate Syrah with expressive aromatics, crystalline fruit and fabulous overall balance.

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2013 Arnot Roberts Que Vineyard Syrah - An addition to the range, the 2013 Que Syrah Vineyard is super-expressive today as well as a great example of coastal Syrah in this vintage. Black pepper, tobacco, smoke, game, licorice and pomegranate open up in the glass. The flavors are bold and intense throughout, yet lovely floral/spiced notes keep the flavors bright and focused.

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