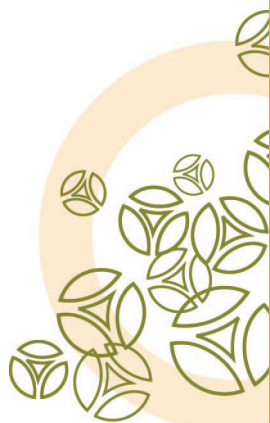


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OVERVIEW | Arnot-Roberts was formed in 2001 by childhood friends Nathan Lee Roberts and Duncan Arnot Meyers. They grew up in the eastern hills of the Napa Valley and were fascinated by its topography at a young age. Throughout their lives they have explored the rugged canyons and ridges of Napa and Sonoma by bicycle and by foot, giving them an intimate connection to the land around us and insight into its geology. Their families valued wine in their lives and at their tables and with their combined years in the wine and cooperage industries they realized that making their own wine was a gratifying way to express the character of the land where they grew up. Their goal is to make natural wines that express the uniqueness and beauty of their variety and location. To accomplish this, they draw on Duncan's years of experience in some of California's greatest wineries (including Pax Wine Cellars), Nathan's craftsmanship as a cooper, and the distinctive cool-climate vineyards of a few meticulous Northern California grape growers. Production here is miniscule, with no more than two or three barrels of each wine produced. These are beautifully expressive, intense wines, built with food in mind, and ideal for the dinner table.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 1500 cases

GRAPE VARIETIES: cabernet sauvignon, syrah

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | The vineyards Arnot-Roberts works with are farmed by dedicated, passionate people and are situated in unique micro climates. The Syrah vineyards of Griffin's Lair, and Hudson are cooled by the winds and their proximity to the San Pablo Bay while the Cabernet Vineyards of Bugay and Clajoux grow in extremely rocky sites high in the Mayacamas Mountains above the Russian River Valley. Alder Springs is an island of vines situated at 2,000' in Northern Mendocino County producing Syrah grapes of singular character. All Arnot-Roberts wines are created by hand using traditional methods and small open top fermenters. Syrah grapes see minimal if any destemming and small amounts of new cooperage. Most Cabernet is destemmed and aged in new French Oak Cooperage. Wines are fermented on native yeast and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. All Arnot-Roberts wines are aged in French oak barrels designed and built by Nathan Roberts.

WINES | **Chardonnay, Green Island Vineyard, Napa Valley** - Near the point where the Napa River meets the San Pablo Bay lies the windswept Green Island Vineyard, farmed by the Nord Family. Windy and exposed to the elements, this site is one of the coolest places in the southern end of the Napa Valley appellation. Cool nights and moderate days during the growing season help retain natural acidity in the grapes and aromatic purity in the resulting wine.

Syrah, North Coast - A blend of cool climate sites from Sonoma, Mendocino, and Napa. A small amount of Viognier is cofermented with the Syrah.

Clary Ranch Syrah, Sonoma Coast - The Coast Range Mountains in Northern California take a sudden dip and nearly disappear around Bodega Bay in Sonoma County reemerging as the foot of Mt. Tamalpais in Marin County to the South. It is at this point that cool air over the Pacific Ocean is drawn inland via convective forces through what is referred to as the "Petaluma Wind Gap". This cool and windy swath of the Sonoma Coast appellation is home to Clary Ranch, planted on a hillside in the Middle Two Rock Valley. The austere nature of this place and its weather patterns puts it at the absolute edge of where one can hope to ripen Syrah grapes in California.

Hudson Vineyard 'North Block' Syrah, Napa Valley - Syrah clone #99 thrives in the cool breeze and stony volcanic soil of Hudson Vineyards North Block in Napa Valley's Carneros District. The power and elegance of the Syrah grapes grown by the team of Jason Kesner and Lee Hudson are evidence of their transcendent viticultural practice and phenomenal dedication to quality. One of the oldest Syrah Plantings in the Napa Valley Hudson Vineyard has been the birthplace of some of the finest Syrah ever produced in California.

Griffin's Lair Vineyard Syrah, Sonoma Coast - Few vineyards are as exposed to the cooling influence of San Pablo Bay as Griffin's Lair. Joan and Jim Griffin farm their vineyard in the Petaluma Wind Gap with passion and a keen eye for quality. Gravelly loam and an intense daily coastal wind coax exotic hues and nuance from the tiny Syrah berries they grow.

Alder Springs Vineyard Syrah, Mendocino County - 2500' elevation, Laytonville, Mendocino County is the home of Stu Bewley's surreal Alder Springs Vineyard. The vines here grapple for survival on this precipitous decomposing sandstone mountainside. This island of vines, 12 miles from the Pacific, consistently produces Syrah of great intensity and balance.

Clajoux Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Chalk Hill - A cool and rocky site in the Mayacama Mountains is home to the Clajoux Vineyard.

Bugay Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Sonoma County - The meticulously groomed Bugay vineyard is chiseled into a volcanic ridge in Sonoma County's Mayacama range. The cool breezes, rocky soil and naturally low yields lead to concentrated flavors and saturated color in the resulting wine.