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**2013 Amapola Creek
Petite Sirah Monte
Rosso Vineyard**

Lastly, the Petite Sirah is another wonderful wine coming from the Gallo-owned Monte Rosso Vineyards. The 2013 Petite Sirah Monte Rosso Vineyard is a tiny production of 100% Petite Sirah and realistically priced. This wine offers terrific lead pencil notes intermixed with camphor, asphalt, blueberry and blackberry liqueur. The wine is full-bodied, super-rich and extracted, but has no hard edges, which is somewhat surprising, given its richness. It should drink well for 20-30 years as well.

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**2015 Amapola Creek
Chardonnay Jos. Belli
Vineyards**

The two vintages of Chardonnay I tasted come from the Jos. Belli Vineyard in Russian River. The 2015 Chardonnay Jos. Belli Vineyards was made from small yields, and according to Dick Arrowood, it is one of the top three vintages in his 50 years of experience. This wine offers loads of peach, honeysuckle, delicate apricot, caramelized citrus and apple blossom in a full-bodied, rich, discreetly oaked style. It is long, promising and super-concentrated. If this is an example of just how strong many 2015s will be, we're in for another treat from Northern California.

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**2013 Amapola Creek
Cabernet Sauvignon
Estate Vineyard**

Arrowood deserves a lot more credit than he often gets for his Cabernet Sauvignons, which are long-lived. Some of the early Château St. Jean Cabernet Sauvignons have stood the test of time, and those made under the Arrowood label, especially his Reserves, are 30+ year wines at the minimum. The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, which is 94% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Petit Verdot, is brilliant. Notes of graphite, crème de cassis, blueberry and blackberry along with some espresso are all present in this dense, full-bodied wine with great fruit, beautiful purity and moderately high tannins. There are just under 1,600 cases. This wine ideally needs another 2-3 years of bottle age and should drink well for 25-30 years.

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**2015 Amapola Creek
Rose Cuvee**

For starters (and it's a shame he doesn't make more of it), the 2015 Rosé Estate Cuvée, a Grenache/Mourvèdre/Syrah/Viognier blend, is just delicious. It is relatively low in alcohol but very fragrant, with loads of strawberry, cranberry and kirsch-like notes, crisp acid, and a fresh, lively mouthfeel with much more flavor depth than one might expect from a rosé. Drink it over the next year.

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**2013 Amapola Creek
Cuvee Alis Estate
Vineyard**

The 2013 Cuvée Alis Estate (66% Grenache, 22% Mourvèdre and 12% Syrah) is a hefty, high-octane style (15.6% alcohol) with loads of kirsch liqueur, pepper, lavender, earth and underbrush. It is Provençal, deep, full-bodied, and a total lusty treat. Drink it over the next 5-6 years.

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**2013 Amapola Creek
Zinfandel Monte Rosso
Vineyard**

From the famous Monte Rosso red soil vineyard, two Zinfandels were produced. The 2013 Zinfandel Monte Rosso (680 cases coming in at 16% alcohol) is 100% Zinfandel. At \$45.00, this is a great buy! Made from 123-year-old head-pruned vines, the wine has a dense ruby/purple color, a big, sweet kiss of black cherry, blackcurrant and blackberry with some dusty, loamy soil undertones and pepper as well as hints of charcuterie and spice. It is full-bodied, lavishly rich, and stunningly pure. It should make a savory mouthful for at least a decade.

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