



2015 La Sirena Malbec **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Announcing our third release of varietal Malbec from La Sirena! We are very excited to bring back this popular new wine. I have made Malbec for various clients from time to time over the last ten years but it has always been as blending wine for Cabernet based blends. Starting in 2013, I had the opportunity to buy a small amount of beautiful Malbec grapes from a nearby vineyard, and the result was so delicious I just had to bottle it on its own. The grapes came from a vineyard from our neighbors just over the Napa Valley border in Knights Valley producing an excellent expression of Malbec.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: September 15, 2015

Blend: 96% Malbec Knights Valley, Sonoma County AVA; 4% Syrah (Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga)

Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc. T.A. 6.3, pH 3.72

100% French oak barrels 40% new for 22 months

Bottling date: June 20, 2017

Release date: April 13, 2018

Production: 215 cases

Tasting Notes: 2015 Malbec (tasted 4/12/18 by HPB)

This 2015 Malbec from La Sirena is very dark in color, a deep purplish-black hue. The nose is driven by ripe, rich fruit aromas of red cherry, black plum, crabapple, and cranberry. There are nice subtle French oak notes in the nose as well, lending a toasty vanilla spice character. This wine is velvety yet lively across the palate; medium body with light, dusty tannins. The wine has a compact structure and a firm, clean finish. The blend is 96% Malbec from a single vineyard site in Knights Valley, plus 4% Syrah from our own Barrett Vineyard in Calistoga. The 2015 vintage in Napa was a very concentrated harvest for red wines especially due to the continuing drought causing very low crop levels.

Why "La Sirena"? The name means "the Mermaid" in Spanish and Italian. I chose it because I'm a long time scuba diver and was looking for something fun and magical (like wine) to name the winery. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 with the first Cabernet Sauvignon made in 1996. The wines we make are **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Le Barrettagé** (Rhône style blend), **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), Rosato (Rose of Primitivo), **Grenache**, **Malbec**, and our two fun and tasty proprietary winemaker red blends; **Art Bus**, and **Pirate TreasuRed**. Production is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence-the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi P. Barrett".

Heidi Peterson Barrett

Winemaker/ Owner, La Sirena