



## **2017 La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon** **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Cabernet Sauvignon is our flagship wine for La Sirena, and the best example of the elegance, balance, and beautiful opulence that I strive for in my red wines. Cabernet Sauvignon is what I am best known for, what I have built my 30+ year reputation on, as well as my favorite wine to make. Cabernet lovers will recognize the winemaking style which is similar in blend profile to the famous and much-loved Screaming Eagle wines I made previously. With the richness & depth of Napa Valley Cabernet fruit on display, La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon has a 20+ year tradition of age-worthiness, velvety structure & powerful presence that has impressed wine lovers around the world.

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Dates: Sept 5, 19 & Oct 3, 2017

Blend: 98% Cabernet Sauvignon, 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 15.2% alc., T.A. 5.9, pH 3.82

100% French oak barrels. 44% new, 22 months, variety of coopers and barrel ages

Bottling date: June 24, 2019 Release date: Oct, 2020

Production: 300cs, and 90 etched magnums, gold leafed and signed.

### **Tasting Notes: Tasted 08/14/20 by HPB**

*We were extremely lucky to harvest this fruit before the fires of 2017, so we were able to produce a wine of pure character with zero smoke damage. The 2017 La Sirena Cab is very dark blackberry in color, with the ripe, layered aromatics of Cab Sauv and a lifted note from the addition of Cab Franc. Across the palate the wine is vibrant, balanced, and explosive with flavor. Soft and silky in texture, yet has a powerful structure and expression of fruit. Flavors are black fruit-driven with dark cherry and berry notes dominating, layered with sweet toasty French oak as a complement. Ageworthy yet approachable as of this tasting. Tannins are pretty mild in this vintage, not needing much time in the bottle at all. A great example of classic Napa Cab - purely delicious!*

Why “La Sirena”? The name means “the Mermaid” in Spanish and Italian. I chose it because I was looking for something fun and magical (like wine) and because I love to scuba dive as well as make wine. Our first vintage of La Sirena was 1994, making only a couple hundred cases of Sangiovese through 1999. We introduced the first Cabernet Sauvignon with the 1996 vintage, and the first dry Muscat in 2003. Our current lineup includes: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, “**Le Barretage**” Rhone style blend, **Malbec**, **Grenache**, **Rosato** (Rose of Primitivo), **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), our winemaker blends **PIRATE TreasuRed** and our charity wine, **ART BUS**. Production is always small, focusing on fine handmade wines of purity and excellence, the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Heidi P. Barrett' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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