



2018 La Sirena Studio Series **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Announcing the second release of our new La Sirena label – Studio Series. In addition to being a winemaker, I have also been a painter and visual artist for many years. My mother, Diane Brisbois Peterson, was a professional artist, so I grew up immersed in artistic creativity as well as wine. Throughout my winemaking career, I have sought to explore creative avenues within the scientific discipline of wine, and blending has been one of the most fulfilling ways to do that. Studio Series is a Cab-forward winemaker blend that will feature a different painting of mine on the label each vintage. I'm proud to offer this new wine that shows off my creative work both inside and outside of the bottle. Welcome to my studio!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Dates: Sept 17, 19, 27, and Oct 20, 2018

Blend: 47% Cabernet Sauvignon, 48% Syrah, 3% Petite Sirah, 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 15.1% alc., T.A. 6.1, pH 3.72

100% French oak barrels. 45% new, 22 months, variety of coopers and barrel ages

Bottling date: June 23, 2020 Release date: April 19, 2022

Production: 396 cases

Artwork: "Two Glasses" by Heidi Barrett, 5"x5" acrylic on canvas – giclees available by request

Tasting Notes: Tasted 4/18/22 by HPB

Deep garnet in color from the ripe 2018 vintage, with open aromas of lush fruit – plum, blackberry, and cherry, and notes of cedar, vanilla, and white pepper. Across the palate it's quite seamless and silky, rich and concentrated. The fruit flavors are bold and vibrant. Mouth-filling with smooth tannins, great texture and a long delicious finish. A beautiful wine from an excellent vintage – complexity and elegance abound in this work of winemaking art. Delicious and approachable upon release, we expect it will be an age-worthy addition to your cellar as well.

Why "La Sirena"? The name means "the Mermaid" in Spanish and Italian. I chose it because I'm a lifelong ocean lover, longtime scuba diver, and wanted a winery name that was fun & magical (like wine), and also personal to me. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994, with the first Cabernet Sauvignon made in 1996. Our current wine lineup: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Rosato** (rosé of Primitivo), **Chardonnay**, **Malbec**, and our red blends, **Studio Series** and **Pirate TreasuRed**. Production is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence. Wishing you all the best!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi P. Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Heidi Peterson Barrett
Winemaker/Owner, La Sirena