



## **2021 La Sirena Chardonnay** **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

La Sirena Chardonnay is back with our latest release of this elegant, complex & food-friendly white wine. I have made Chardonnay a number of times for my clients over the years, but I was not compelled to make my own until a special vineyard source became available in 2016 - the Rued family original vineyard planted in 1969. The offer was intriguing, so I went to have a look, and was immediately taken with the magnificent old vines and their large gnarled trunks & arms. For the first time this vintage, I also blended in some Chardonnay from the famous Bacigalupi Paris Block, one of the sources for the 1973 Chateau Montelena Chardonnay that won the Paris Tasting.

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Date: September 9 & 11, 2021

AVA: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County

Blend: 100% Chardonnay – 60% Valdez Vineyard, 40% Bacigalupi Paris Block

Some Chemistry: 13.7% alc. T.A. 7.2, pH 3.26

French oak barrels 10% new for 10 months

Bottling date: July 5, 2022

Release date: October 6, 2023

Production: 225 cases

### **Tasting Notes: 2021 Chardonnay (tasted 10/2/23 by HPB)**

*Sourced from the original 1969 planting of the Rued clone of Chardonnay, known for its tropical aromatics (some even refer to it as the Muscat clone of Chardonnay) and blended with fruit from the Bacigalupi Paris Block, one of the sources for the Chateau Montelena 1973 Chardonnay that won the Paris Tasting. Brilliant light golden straw in color with gorgeous fruit aromas of crisp pear, pineapple, delicate melon, a whiff of green apple and citrus, with nice minerality and complementary notes of caramel, beeswax, and a kiss of vanilla. A very light touch of toasty French oak enhances the aromatics and fruit flavors across the palate. The mouthfeel, texture and flavor profile is just delicious, with nicely balanced acidity and richness that lingers in an extraordinary finish.*

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**, **Barrett Vineyard Syrah**, 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!

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