

2006 La Sirena Barrett Vineyards Syrah Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

The Barrett Vineyard Syrah comes from our own tiny little 2 acre estate vineyard at the foot of Mount St. Helena. This is an extremely steep and rocky site, and produces an incredibly layered and complex wine. I have been a fan of Syrah and Rhone wines for many years and we have been making Syrah at La Sirena since 2000. I make Syrah from both Napa Valley and Santa Ynez grapes, as well as a third bottling of our own estate Barrett Vineyards block. I find the fruit to be quite distinct by vineyard, so I decided to bottle them separately to show off the individual characteristics of each. This variety can make wonderful wine in a range of growing regions, soil types, and climates. It's very versatile, fun to make, and even better... it makes simply delicious wine!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date : October 11, 2006

Blend is 100% Syrah from our estate Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga, Napa Valley

Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc. T.A. 0.64, pH 3.85

100% French oak barrels 45% new, 22 months in barrel, variety of coopers

Bottling date: July 22, 2008

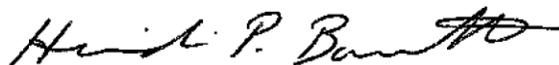
Release date: June 15, 2010

Production: 380 cases. 750 mls

Tasting Notes: 2006 Barrett Vineyards Syrah (tasted 6/15/10 by HPB)

This is the most layered of the three La Sirena Syrahs. It is fully ripe and concentrated. Aromas are of ripe black cherry pie, plum, mineral, earth, and smoked meat. A round mouth feel and flavors of black plum, dried herb, pomegranate, and a hint of minerality leading to a lengthy, juicy finish. The wine shows its "terroir" from this tiny 2- acre vineyard block, where the soil is quite rocky, with some steep sections that produce tiny, intensely flavorful grapes. The resulting wine shows the dense, rewarding concentration that comes from farming this delightfully scrappy little vineyard. It is a beauty from start to finish, rich and elegant with fine balance. Truly a special wine.

Why "**La Sirena**"? The name "La Sirena" 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. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 and the first Cabernet Sauvignon was the 1996 vintage. There are currently six wines made; **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Syrah** from **Barrett Vineyards, Napa Valley** and **Santa Ynez, Moscato Azul**- a dry Muscat Canelli, and our proprietary red blend called **Pirate**. Production is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence-the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best!



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