

## 2006 La Sirena Napa Valley Syrah Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

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 20, 2006

Some Chemistry- 15.5% alc. T.A. 0.58, pH 3.82

100% French oak barrels, 38% new, 22 months in barrel, variety of coopers

Bottling date: July 22, 2008

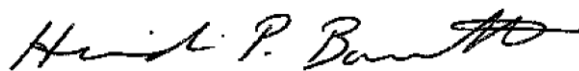
Release date: June 15, 2010

Production - 254 cases 750 mls

### Tasting Notes: 2006 Napa Valley Syrah (tasted 6/15/10 by HPB)

Deep ruby in color, looks like a Cabernet at first glance, but the nose relays the beautiful aromas of ripe Syrah: cranberry, pomegranate, acai berry, ripe plum, a touch of earth, briar, lightly smoked meat, prosciutto, black tea, and olive. Flavors match in layers with a big, bold mouthfeel, chewy tannins, with nice acidity and length. The ripe fruit flavors persist for several minutes with an impressively long, smooth finish. Structurally built like Cabernet but with the aromas and flavors of Syrah.

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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