

2006 La Sirena Santa Ynez Syrah **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

This is the fifth offering of La Sirena Syrah from Santa Ynez. What a wonderful appellation for Syrah! I have been a fan of Syrah and Rhone wines for many years, and we have been making Syrah at La Sirena since 2000. The Napa Valley and Santa Ynez fruit are quite distinct by region so I decided to bottle them separately to show off their regional characteristics. The 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 27, 2006 Santa Ynez
Some Chemistry- 14.8% alc. T.A. 0.61, pH 3.78
100% French oak barrels, 38% new, 20 months in barrel, variety of coopers
Bottling Date-, April 11, 2008
Release date: June 15, 2010
Production - 523 cases 750 mls

Tasting Notes: 2006 Santa Ynez Syrah (tasted 6/16/2010 by HPB)

The Santa Ynez Syrah has a very enticing lifted aroma of strawberry rhubarb pie. Warm ripe plum-like fruit aromas also permeate the palate. The wine has a soft and supple yet vibrant mouthfeel that is both mouthcoating and lively at the same time. It's chock-full of spicy red fruit character, cranberry, dried cherry, clove, and a touch of smokiness. Tannins are barely there, very light but adding to the structure. A wine to enjoy with a variety of savory or spicy foods. Always an easy drinking – it's hard not to love Syrah from a cooler climate which emphasizes soft, juicy red fruit character.

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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