

2007 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, textural, and complex wine. I have been a fan of Syrah and Rhone wines for many years. We have been making Syrah at La Sirena since 2000 with the vineyard designated Barrett Syrah starting in 2005. This variety makes wonderful wine in a range of growing regions, soil types, and climates. It's very versatile, pairs with a wide range of foods, especially great as a steakhouse wine or with anything on the BBQ. It makes delicious wine!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: September 8, 2007

Blend is 1% Petite Sirah, 99% Syrah from our estate Barrett Vineyards, 100% Calistoga, Napa Valley AVA

Some Chemistry: 14.6% alc. T.A. 0.60, pH 3.85

100% French oak barrels 45% new, 22 months in barrels (same aging as the more expensive Cab)

Bottling date: July 30, 2009

Release date: Nov 15, 2011

Production: 367 cases and 20 cases of Magnums

Tasting Notes: 2007 Barrett Vineyards Syrah (tasted 11/8/11 by HPB)

The 2007 is a highly touted vintage for good reason. It is fully ripe and concentrated. The wine has a very deep ruby red color with aromas of ripe black plums, pomegranate, mineral, spice, and pepper, more Cab-like than past vintages. Flavors match the aromas but with textural chewy tannins in the mid-palate. This is quite a hearty big red that is begging for grilled meats, steak, venison, duck, spicy sausage, or rich pastas or lasagna. Flavors persist with lightly dusty tannins in the 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.

Why "**La Sirena**"? The name means "the Mermaid" in Spanish and Italian. I chose it because I'm a long time scuba diver and was looking for something fun and magical (like wine) to name the winery. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 with the first Cabernet Sauvignon made in 1996. There are currently five wines made; **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Barrett Syrah**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), and two fun and tasty proprietary red blends; **Pirate** and **Art Bus Red**. 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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