

2008 La Sirena Art Bus Red Winemaker Notes /Fact Sheet

The Art Bus Red is a brand new blend from La Sirena. Art Bus Red celebrates the Art of winemaking. I have often compared the Art of blending to painting, like having more colors on my palette and palate! In both, the Artist uses different hues (flavors) to create something truly unique and delicious. In this rich layered blend, I sought to capture the thrill of Art as a tribute to Artists everywhere. Strive to create beauty.

Our label shows one of our “found” object Art projects- an abandoned bus we gave new life to as a fanciful Central-American inspired Art studio complete with cargo on the roof. Wishing you “Pura Vida!” Literally- Pure life!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: 9/13/08 CS, 9/18/08 SY, 10/2/08 CF

Blend is 35% CS and 62% SY from our estate Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga, Napa Valley, 3% CF Oakville

Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc. T.A. 0.60, pH 3.78

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

Bottling date: July 21, 2010

Release date: June 15, 2011

Production: 200 cases

Tasting Notes: 2008 Art Bus Red (tasted 6/10/11 by HPB)

From the minute you pull the cork, the aromas are deep, rich, and enticing. Black cherry fruit with notes of cinnamon, caramel, graham cracker, and vanilla. Explosive flavors match the aromas in a big, yet soft and silky blend. Flavors persist, tannins very mild, structure is solid and built to last. Made from our estate vineyards here in Calistoga (except a tidbit of CF from Oakville). This is “one of the good ones” from the tiny crop produced in 2008 after the spring frost. While tasty now, this is a wine that is also cellar-worthy, easily 10-15 years.

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. We focus on wines that I personally enjoy making and drinking. **Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Moscato Azul**- a dry Muscat Canelli, our proprietary red blends called **Pirate TreasuRed**, and the new **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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