

## 2008 La Sirena Napa Valley Moscato Azul Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

A white wine from La Sirena? Of course. But this is not just any white wine. This is a dry-style Muscat Canelli from our neighbors' vineyard here in Calistoga. It's quite a unique wine because most Muscat is made into sweet, dessert wine. Not this time. With Moscato Azul you have all the beautiful perfumy, floral character of varietal Muscat Canelli, without the sugar! It's meant to be a delightful, fun white wine to go with an assortment of tropical, citrusy, or Pacific Rim type foods. Try striped bass sautéed with orange zest, olive oil, sea salt and a splash of Muscat or shrimp tacos with Mango salsa! Just chilled on it's own as a summer sipper, it is also a delightful wine.

### Just the Facts:

Harvest Date – September 2, 2008

100% Napa Valley Muscat Canelli (Solari Vineyard, Calistoga- at the foot of Mount St.Helena)

Some Chemistry- 13.8% alc., T.A. 0.58, pH 3.14, RS 0.5%

Oak treatment - Zero

Bottling date: Jan. 26, 2009

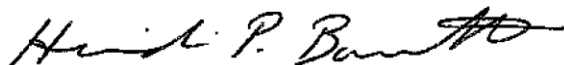
Release date: Nov 1, 2009

Production – 457 cases in cobalt blue glass “azul” with a synthetic cork- also blue!

### Tasting Notes: (tasted 11/1/09 by HPB)

*Light straw in color with brilliant clarity, the 2008 Moscato Azul has aromas that are quite floral with a touch of spice. Honeysuckle, jasmine, apricot, kiwi, and orange peel come to mind. On the palate the wine is very crisp and juicy, just off-dry with a silky mouthfeel. The flavors compliment the aromas in a wine with a polished profile, seamless for a white wine. It has lots of flavor without weightiness, brilliantly fresh and eminently quaffable!*

**Robert Parker** says ...”A wine that Heidi Barrett does better than just about anybody in California is her unbelievable fun Moscato Azul.... reminiscent of northern Italy’s famed Moscato’s. A slow cold fermentation renders a wine with an explosive perfume of spring flowers and tropical fruits. This is an ideal aperitif or breakfast wine, or it can be enjoyed at the end of a meal”. And... ”Barrett has hit pay dirt with a lively, consumer-friendly dry Muscat,...It’s a shame more California wineries don’t produce these wines. .. It is fresh, light bodied, and crisp...seductive aromatics” **Wine of the Day 1/25/07 RP online 2006 wine**



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