



2009 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. This is also our Charity bottling where 15% of our sales go to Heifer International, helping families all over the world.

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: 10/5/09 CS, 9/23/09 SY, 10/9/09 CF

Blend is 18% CS and 80% SY from our estate Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga, 2% CF Oakville

Some Chemistry: 14.6% alc. T.A. 0.58, pH 3.82

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

Bottling date: June 22, 2011

Release date: July 1, 2012

Production: 274 cases

Tasting Notes: 2009 Art Bus Red (tasted 6/29/12 by HPB)

Our second release of this unique blend. The aromas are open, deep, rich, and enticing of black cherry and ripe plums, with notes of graham crackers, cinnamon, cedar, and smoked meats. In the mouth the flavors are bursting with ripe fruit, crushed blackberry, deep meaty tones, and a touch of sweet toasty French oak. Flavors persist several minutes. This is a big, intense, mouth coating wine. I love the layered flavors, mid palate texture and silky yet big balance of this blend. It's unusual but delicious! 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heidi P. Barrett".

Heidi Peterson Barrett

Winemaker/Owner

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