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## **2009 La Sirena “Le Barrettagé”** **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Announcing our brand new **2009 “Le Barrettagé”** wine. The name came to me last winter while driving up to Tahoe to go skiing. It’s a fusion of my last name with the classic Rhone wines from L’Hermitage. Just makes ya smile! There will be even more smiling when you taste this amazingly rich, silky and absolutely delicious wine. We have kept the Rhone style bottle but the new label has some delightful surprises. The blend comes from our own Barrett Vineyards, a tiny little 2 acre estate vineyard at the foot of Mount St. Helena as well as another favorite Syrah vineyard in the eastern hills of St Helena. Both are exceptional vineyards, quite rocky and steep, producing an incredibly layered, textural, and complex wine. I was only able to make 200 cases of this special bottling so I hope you will get a chance to enjoy it.

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Date: September 23-24, 2009

Blend: 70% Barrett Vineyards Syrah (Calistoga), 30% Reindeer Syrah (St. Helena)

Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc. T.A. 0.62, pH 3.85

100% French oak barrels 45% new for 22 months

Bottling date: June 22, 2011

Release date: Nov 1, 2012

Production: 200 cases

### **Tasting Notes: 2009 “Le Barrettagé”** (tasted 10/8/12 by HPB with Antonio Galloni )

The wine has a very deep ruby color with aromas of black plums, pomegranate, spice, and smoked duck. It is fully ripe and concentrated. The flavors are intense and mouth filling matching the aromas. Nice layering and a big ripe expression of this gorgeous variety. This is quite a hearty big red wine that is begging for grilled meats, ribs!, steak, venison, duck, spicy sausage, or rich pastas or lasagna. Flavors persist with lovely balance and a long silky finish. The wine shows its “terroir” from our tiny 2- acre Barrett Vineyards block, where the soil is quite rocky, with some steep sections that produce tiny, intensely flavorful grapes. The second vineyard site adds lush pure fruit and the resulting blend is greater the sum of its parts showing the dense, rewarding concentration and the magic of skilled blending.

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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