



2011 La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

Cabernet Sauvignon is our flagship wine for La Sirena and continues to display the elegance, balance, and beautiful opulence expected from Heidi Barrett. “Cabernet Sauvignon is what I am best known for and what I have built my 30+ year reputation on.” (Also her favorite wine to make). Cabernet lovers will recognize the winemaking style which is quite similar to the Screaming Eagle wines Heidi made in the past with a very similar blend profile.

Tasting Notes: Tasted 08/18/14 by HPB

Our 2011 Cab is a gorgeous deep garnet color. The aromas are of ripe fruit with layers of berry, cherry and plum enhanced by sweet and spicy toasty French oak. From the first enticing sniff the wine leads you to a round lush tasty mouthful of Cabernet Sauvignon. The Flavors mirror the aromas nicely in this soft silky easy to love Cab. The tannins are very light and refined yet the wine has good depth and length especially in light of the challenging 2011 harvest. We were able to make a delicious Cabernet blend that will be easy to approach at release and an earlier aging wine. Enjoy!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Dates: Oct 3 - Oct 20, 2011

Blend: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7.0% Merlot, 3.0% Petit Verdot, 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 14.5% alc., T.A. 6.1, pH 3.72

100% French oak barrels 22 months, variety of coopers and ages

Bottling date: June 28, 2013 Release date: September 1, 2014

Production: **477cs**, and 90 magnums all etched, gold leafed and signed. Sold individually in wood box.

Why “**La Sirena**”? The name 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. Our first vintage of La Sirena was 1994, making only a couple hundred cases of Sangiovese through 1999. We introduced the first Cabernet Sauvignon with the 1996 vintage, first Syrah vintage 2000, first dry Muscat 2003. Our current lineup of six wines includes: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, “**Le Barretage**” **Syrah**, **Grenache**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), and our proprietary blends; **Pirate TreasuRed** and our charity wine, **ART BUS**. Production is always small, focusing on fine hand-made 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' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heidi Peterson Barrett
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