



2014 La Sirena Malbec **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Announcing our second release of varietal Malbec from La Sirena! We are very excited to bring back this popular new wine. I have made Malbec for various clients from time to time over the last ten years but it has always been as blending wine for Cabernet based blends. Starting in 2013 I had the opportunity to buy a small amount of beautiful Malbec grapes from a nearby vineyard and the result was so delicious I just had to bottle it on its own. The grapes came from a vineyard from our neighbors just over the Napa Valley border in Knights Valley producing an excellent expression of Malbec. Just over 80 cases were made, making it a rare little gem you don't want to miss!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: September 24, 2014
Blend: 100% Malbec Knights Valley, Sonoma County appellation
Some Chemistry: 13.9% alc. T.A. 6.1, pH 3.86
100% French oak barrels 50% new for 22 months
Bottling date: June 20, 2016
Release date: May 19, 2017
Production: 82 cases

Tasting Notes: 2014 Malbec (tasted 5/17/16 by HPB)

This 2014 Malbec from La Sirena is very dark ruby in color. The aromas are driven by ripe deep blueberry fruit characteristics, black cherry, pomegranate and a hint of root beer and spice. There are pretty, sweet, toasty, French oak notes in the nose as well. This wine is velvety yet lively across the palate with explosive flavors, silky and mouth coating with seamless barely there tannins. The fruit has a lifted note and a long lingering finish. The blend is 100% Malbec from a single vineyard site in Knights Valley. This is a very unique wine that possesses exquisite fruit character and an enchanting richness of flavor. Enjoy!

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. The wines we make are **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Le Barrettagé** (Rhône style blend), **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Grenache**, **Malbec**, and our two fun and tasty proprietary winemaker red blends; **Art Bus**, and **Pirate TreasuRed**. 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, La Sirena