



2012 La Sirena Art Bus **Winemaker Notes /Fact Sheet**

Art Bus is one of our unique winemaker blends from **La Sirena**. Art Bus celebrates the Artistic side of winemaking - I have often compared the Art of blending to painting. In both, the Artist uses different hues (flavors) to create something truly unique and beautiful (and in the case of wine, something delicious!) In this rich layered blend, I sought to create an exciting new blend as a tribute to Artists of every medium who strive to create beauty. This is also our charity bottling where a percentage 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 that was given new life 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: 9/25/12 CS, 9/26/12 SY, 10/9/12 CF
Blend is 3% CF, 17% CS and 80% SY from our estate Barrett Vineyards
Some Chemistry: 14.7% alc. T.A. 0.58, pH 3.88
100% French oak barrels: 45% new, 22 months in barrel, variety of coopers
Bottling date: July 2, 2014
Release date: October 2015
Production: 205 cases

Tasting Notes: 2012 Art Bus(tasted 10/18/15 by HPB)

The 2012 presented us with a fantastic vintage and the right grapes to again make this wonderful Art Bus blend. This is the third release of this unique wine (08, 09, and 12) and features a label update as well. The aromas are open, deep, rich, and enticing of black cherry and red plums, with notes of bacon, cinnamon, cedar, and smoked wild 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! Have some fun with this one as few will be able to guess the blend. While tasty now, this is a wine that is also cellar-worthy, easily 10-15 years from this noteworthy vintage.

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. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 and the first Cabernet Sauvignon was made in 1996. At La Sirena we focus on wines that I personally love making and drinking. Our current lineup of six wines includes: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, “**Le Barretage**” Rhone style blend, **Grenache**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli, our winemaker blends **Pirate TreasuRed** and our charity wine, **ART BUS**. 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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