



2019 La Sirena Chardonnay **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

La Sirena Chardonnay is back! Our first vintage back in 2016 was such a hit, we decided to make it again for the 2019 vintage. I have made Chardonnay a number of times for my clients over the years, but I was not compelled to make my own until a special vineyard site became available in 2016. Well-known vineyard manager Ulises Valdez (who sadly passed away in 2018) had a few tons available from the Rued family original vineyard planted in 1969 (now managed by his son, Ulises Valdez Jr.) I was enticed to have a look, and was immediately taken with the magnificent old vines, their large gnarly trunks and arms. I couldn't resist working with such a special site, and La Sirena Chardonnay was born.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: September 19, 2019

Blend: 100% Chardonnay Russian River Valley, Sonoma County appellation

Some Chemistry: 13.2% alc. T.A. 6.3, pH 3.3

SS drums and French oak barrels 10% new for 8 months

Bottling date: June 23, 2020

Release date: April 23, 2021

Production: 161 cases

Tasting Notes: 2019 Chardonnay (tasted 4/12/21 by HPB)

Sourced from the original 1969 planting of the Rued clone of Chardonnay, which is known for its somewhat tropical aromatics - some even refer to it as the Muscat clone of Chardonnay. Brilliant light straw in color with beautiful aromatics: green apple, pineapple, grapefruit, minerality, crème brulee, and a touch of toasty French Oak. Across the palate it's layered with flavors similar to the aromas, with crisp acidity in a fresh, mouthwatering Chablis-like style (non-malolactic). The minerality of place comes through from the rocky hillside vineyard in the Russian River Valley. A delightfully complex, elegant and food-friendly Chardonnay that was barrel aged on the lees for 10 months.

Why “**La Sirena**”? The name means “the Mermaid” in Spanish and Italian. I chose it because I'm a lifelong ocean lover, longtime scuba diver, and wanted a winery name that was fun & magical (like wine) and also personal to me. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 with the first Cabernet Sauvignon made in 1996. Our current wine lineup: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Le Barretage** (Rhone style blend), **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Rosato** (rosé of Primitivo), **Malbec**, and several red blends, **Studio Series**, **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'.

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