

2005 La Sirena Barrett Vineyards Syrah Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

The Barrett Vineyard Syrah comes from our own tiny little 2 acre vineyard at the foot of Mount St. Helena. This is an extremely steep and rocky site and produces an incredibly layered and complex wine. I have been a fan of Syrah and Rhone wines for many years and we have been making Syrah at La Sirena since 2000. I make Syrah from both Napa Valley and Santa Ynez grapes as well as our estate Barrett Vineyards. I find the fruit to be quite distinct by vineyard so I decided to bottle them separately to show off their individual characteristics. This variety can make wonderful wine in a range of growing regions, soil types, and climates. It is a pleasure to work with, fun to make, and even better... it simply makes delicious wine!

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date – October 11, 2005

Blend is 100 % Syrah Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga, Napa Valley

Some Chemistry- 14.9% alc. T.A. 0.62, pH 3.82

100% French oak barrels, 45% new, 22 months in barrel, variety of coopers

Bottling date: July 6, 2007

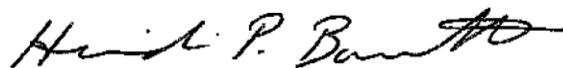
Release date: November 15, 2008

Production: 398 cases. (750 ml. bottles), 10 cases Magnums

Tasting Notes: 2005 Barrett Vineyards Syrah (tasted 10/16/08 by HPB)

This Syrah is the most layered of the three La Sirena Syrah's. It is very dark with multi-layered aromas of ripe cherry and plum, and smoked meat. A round mouth feel and flavors of black plum, dried herb, pomegranate, and a bit of mineral lead to a juicy lengthy finish. I love the balance of this wine. Ripeness was optimum from this tiny estate vineyard. This is the second wine made from this little 2-acre block, The soil is quite rocky and it has some steep sections that produce tiny flavorful grapes. The resulting wine shows the concentration that comes from farming this scrappy little vineyard. It is a beauty from start to finish, rich and elegant with fine balance.

Why "**La Sirena**"? The name "La Sirena" 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 and the first Cabernet was the 1996 vintage. There are currently five wines made; **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Syrah** from Barrett Vineyards, Napa Valley and Santa Ynez and our dry Muscat Canelli named **Moscato Azul**. Plus, fall of 2009 we will introduce a proprietary red blend called **Pirate** from the 07 vintage. 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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