

2005 La Sirena Santa Ynez Syrah **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

This is the fourth offering of La Sirena Syrah from Santa Ynez. What a wonderful appellation for Syrah! I started working with this variety for La Sirena in 2000. The Napa Valley and Santa Ynez fruit are quite distinct by region so I decided to bottle them separately to show off their regional characteristics. The variety seems to do great in a range of growing regions, soil types, and climates and is a pleasure to work with since I have been a fan of Syrah and Rhone wines for many years.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date – October 14, 2005 Santa Ynez
Some Chemistry- 15.2% alc. T.A. 0.60, pH 3.75
100% French oak barrels, 38% new, 20 months in barrel, variety of coopers
Bottling Date- April 2, 2007
Release date: November 15, 2008
Production of 555 cases 750 mls, 10 cs. Magnums

Tasting Notes: 2005 Santa Ynez Syrah (tasted 10/16/2008 by HPB)

The Santa Ynez Syrah is deep ruby-purple in color with beautiful aromatics of ripe cherry and plum with a bit of dried herb and earthiness. It is round and lush in the mouth, yet juicy and lively at the same time chalked full of spicy, red fruit character, cranberry, and a touch of smokiness. I love the medium chewy textural element on the palate. Beautifully balanced, pure flavors, and good length; a wine to enjoy with a variety of savory or spicy foods. Always an easy drinking, easy to love Syrah.

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. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 and the first Cabernet Sauvignon was the 1996 vintage. There are currently five wines made; **Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah** from **Barrett Vineyards, Napa Valley** and **Santa Ynez**, and our **Moscato Azul**- a dry Muscat Canelli. 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!



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