



2011 La Sirena “Le Barrettagé” Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

Announcing our **2011 “Le Barrettagé”** Rhone style blend. The name came to me a couple winters ago while driving up to Tahoe to go skiing. It’s a fusion of my last name with the classic Rhone wine region L’Hermitage. Just makes you smile! There will be even more smiling when you taste this amazingly rich, silky and absolutely delicious wine. We have kept the Rhone style bottle but the new label has some delightful French inspired surprises. The blend comes from several Syrah sites including our own Barrett Vineyards (a tiny 2 acre block at the foot of Mount St. Helena), some Grenache from a vineyard site in the eastern hills of St Helena, and a dollop of Petite Sirah from a neighboring vineyard in Calistoga. All are exceptional vineyard sites, quite rocky and steep, producing an incredibly layered, textural, and complex wine. I was only able to make 177 cases of this special bottling so I hope you will get a chance to enjoy it.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Dates: October 1, 12, 26, 2011

Blend: 92.5% Syrah, 4.3% Grenache, 3.2% Petite Sirah

Some Chemistry: 14.6% alc. T.A. 0.58, pH 3.81

100% French oak barrels 45% new for 22 months

Bottling date: June 28, 2013

Release date: Nov 1, 2014

Production: 177 cases

Tasting Notes: 2011 “Le Barrettagé” (tasted 10/30/14by HPB)

The 2011 “Le Barrettagé” is very dark blackberry in color with fully ripe aromas of black plums, pomegranate juice, smoked meat, mineral earth, spice, and a hint of bacon. It has a silky soft initial palate with a mouth coating lush mid-palate, and a seamless long finish. This is a thing of beauty for Rhone style wine lovers. A blend of several different Syrah blocks, Grenache, and a touch of Petite Sirah round out this delicious proprietary blend from La Sirena. Especially impressive in light of the reported difficult 2011 vintage. This will be one of the stars of the vintage. Not to be missed.

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. There are currently six wines made; **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Le Barrettagé**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Grenache**, 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 that reads "Heidi P. Barrett".

Heidi Peterson Barrett
Winemaker/Owner, La Sirena