

2012 La Sirena Grenache Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

Announcing our very first release of varietal Grenache from La Sirena! We are very excited to introduce this new wine. I have been making Grenache since 2007 but have only had enough to use in our Pirate TreasuRed blend as well as our Rhone style "Le Barrettage" blend until now. In 2012 we had enough to go around and could make this delicious 100% Grenache bottling. The grapes came from a vineyard from the eastern hills of St. Helena, quite steep and rocky producing an excellent expression of Grenache, Napa Valley style. There were 326 cases made.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: September 29 and October 4, 2012 Blend: 100% Grenache Napa Valley appellation Some Chemistry: 14.2% alc. T.A. 0.64, pH 3.72 100% French oak barrels 40% new for 18 months

Bottling date: March 27, 2014 Release date: Nov 1, 2014 Production: 326 cases

Tasting Notes: 2012 Grenache (tasted 10/30/14 by HPB)

This first release of Grenache from La Sirena sports a medium ruby color with wonderful open aromas of ripe red plums, currants, and dried cranberry. There are pretty, sassy, spicy notes in the nose as well and a light touch of French oak which leads to a lively, juicy mouthfeel, silky tannins, and a flavor profile that lasts several minutes. This is a medium bodied, user friendly wine that begs to be shared. The flavors mirror the aromas in this nicely balanced exciting new wine. Suggested pairings —Paella, hearty pasta dishes, burgers, sausage, or wild duck. Quite delicious, Enjoy!

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 Barrettage, 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!

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