



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

Announcing a new release of Malbec from La Sirena! We're excited to bring back this delicious and popular wine. I have made Malbec for various clients from time to time over my career, but it has always been as blending wine for Cabernet-based blends. Starting in 2013, I had the opportunity to buy a small amount of beautiful Malbec grapes from a nearby vineyard, and the result was so delicious I just had to bottle it on its own. The grapes came from our neighbors' vineyard, just over the Calistoga border in Knights Valley, which produces an excellent and unique expression of Malbec.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: October 2, 2019

Blend: 97% Malbec from Knights Valley, Sonoma County AVA; 2% Cab Franc, 1% Petite Sirah

Some Chemistry: 14.1% alc. T.A. 5.55, pH 3.73

100% French oak barrels 40% new for 22 months

Bottling date: June 21, 2021

Release date: Feb 3, 2023

Production: 234 cases

Tasting Notes: 2019 Malbec (tasted 1/10/23 by RB)

The 2019 Malbec from La Sirena is a deep ruby color, with an enticing pure nose of dark fruit aromas (blueberry, blackberry, currant), accented with notes of spice, dark chocolate, and an earthy note reminiscent of bark. Across the palate it is velvety and extremely well balanced. Great acid in the mid palate keeps it bright and lifted while still being quite rich and dense. A sultry, inky wine that isn't quite 'brooding' – pensive, perhaps? Medium tannin provides texture and body, and the lingering finish will leave you wanting more of this delicious and unique Malbec.

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**, **Chardonnay**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canneli), **Rosato** (rosé of Primitivo), **Malbec**, and our two fun and tasty proprietary winemaker red blends, **Studio Series** and **Pirate TreasuRed**. Production is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence. Wishing you all the best!

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