



2009 La Sirena Art Bus Red **Winemaker Notes /Fact Sheet**

One of the most whimsical offerings in La Sirena's 30+ year history, Art Bus Red was produced in 08, 09, 12, 14, and 16 vintages and is now a true collector's item. This Barrett Estate Cab-Syrah blend features a colorful label of Heidi behind the wheel of her real-life Art Bus. The predecessor of our La Sirena Studio Series, Art Bus Red always had its cult following, and we're excited to bring this unique and personal wine back for a limited time.

Art Bus Red celebrates the Art of winemaking. I have often compared the Art of blending to painting, like having more colors on my palette and palate! In both, the Artist uses different hues (flavors) to create something truly unique and delicious. In this rich layered blend, I sought to capture the thrill of Art as a tribute to Artists everywhere. Strive to create beauty.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: 10/5/09 CS, 9/23/09 SY, 10/9/09 CF

Blend is 18% CS and 80% SY from our estate Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga, 2% CF Oakville

Some Chemistry: 14.6% alc. T.A. 0.58, pH 3.82

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

Bottling date: June 22, 2011

Original Release date: July 1, 2012

Production: 274 cases

Updated Tasting Notes: 2009 Art Bus Red (tasted 5/12/2025 by the Barrett Family)

Deep garnet in color, with the faintest hint of brick red appearing near the edge. On the nose, it presents soft black fruit and plum spice cake character and cardamom, along with some tertiary notes of saddle leather, dried flowers, hoisin sauce, and gravel. On the palate, it's medium weight and softened, a bit savory, giving flavors of black fruit, cooked plum sauce, and flower petal tea. The finish is long, complex and elegant. Cellar aging has developed this wine nicely - we recommend drinking now or within 1-2 years.

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 Canelli), **Rosato** (rosé of Primitivo), **Barrett Syrah**, 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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Winemaker/Owner, La Sirena