

## 2009 La Sirena "Le Barrettage" Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

The re-release of our first vintage of La Sirena "Le Barrettage". The name was chosen as a fun fusion of my last name with the classic Rhone wines from L'Hermitage, one of my favorite wine regions. The blend comes from our own Barrett Vineyard Syrah, a tiny little 2 acre block at the foot of Mount St. Helena, and a second Syrah source in the hills of St. Helena. These are both exceptional vineyard sites, quite rocky and steep, producing an incredibly layered, textural, and complex wine. True to its namesake, it's a stunning combination of old world style and Napa Valley power. Aging tremendously well, Rhone and Syrah lovers are going to absolutely adore this aged-to-perfection bottle of mermaid majesty.

## **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Date: September 23-24, 2009

Blend: 70% Barrett Vineyards Syrah (Calistoga), 30% Reindeer Syrah (St. Helena)

Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc. T.A. 0.62, pH 3.85 100% French oak barrels 45% new for 22 months

Bottling date: June 22, 2011

Original Release date: Nov 1, 2012

Production: 200 cases

## **Updated Tasting Notes: 2009 "Le Barrettage" (tasted by the Barrett Family 5/12/2025)**

Deep garnet in color, no visual signs of age. Very pleasing aromas of dark fruit (currants especially), along with fruitcake, and an appealing combination of cherry-related flavors... think chocolate covered cherry, cherry cordial, and cherry cola. On the palate, it's ripe and full, and there's still some tannin/grip, making it textural and chewy. Flavors match the aromas and linger in a beautiful long finish. Bright and lively, with plenty of life ahead, but fantastic now! Very Rhone-like, as the label inspiration indicates. Really proud of this one, it's aging amazingly well.

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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