



## **2012 La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon** **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Cabernet Sauvignon has been the flagship wine for La Sirena since 1996, and continues to display the elegance, balance, and beautiful opulence fans have come to expect from Heidi Barrett. Cab is what she has built her career and 30+ year reputation on (and also her favorite wine to make). Cabernet lovers will recognize the layered winemaking style which is quite similar to the Screaming Eagle wines Heidi made in the past with a very similar blend profile.

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Dates: Sept 26 - Oct 15, 2012

Blend: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8.0% Merlot, 4.0% Petit Verdot, 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 14.9% alc., T.A. 6.1, pH 3.78

100% French oak barrels 22 months, variety of coopers and ages

Bottling date: July 2, 2014 Release date: October 2015

Production: **457cs**, and 90 etched magnums, gold leafed and signed. Sold individually in wood box.

### **Tasting Notes: Tasted 10/18/15 by HPB**

The highly touted 2012 vintage produced some incredible wines of perfect ripeness, depth, harmony, and age ability. Our Cab Sauv is a gorgeous deep blackberry jam color with enticing pure clean aromas of ripe Cabernet Sauvignon fruit. The lush open aromas are of black cherry, dark fruits, blackberry, and dark plums layered with sweet and spicy toasty French oak, cedar and mocha. Explosive flavors wow the palate with matching flavors and aromas. This is a big lush mouthful of Cab with medium silky tannins and a symphony of balance. Chewy mid palate texture and long flavors that persist are fantastic. Just a delicious bottle of Napa Valley Ca

Why “**La Sirena**”? The name means “the Mermaid” in Spanish and Italian. I chose it because I was looking for something fun and magical (like wine) and because I love to scuba dive as well as make wine. Our first vintage of La Sirena was 1994, making only a couple hundred cases of Sangiovese through 1999. We introduced the first Cabernet Sauvignon with the 1996 vintage, first Syrah vintage 2000, first dry Muscat 2003. Our current lineup of six wines includes: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, “**Le Barrettag**” Rhone style blend, **Grenache**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), our winemaker blends **Pirate TreasuRed** and our charity wine, **ART BUS**. Production is always small, focusing on fine handmade 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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heidi Peterson Barrett  
Winemaker, La Sirena