



2012 La Sirena “Le Barrettagé” Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet

Announcing our **2012 “Le Barrettagé”** Rhone style blend. The name came to me a couple winters ago while driving up to Tahoe to go skiing. It’s a fusion of my last name with the classic Rhone wine region L’Hermitage. Just makes you smile! And just wait until you taste this amazingly rich, silky and absolutely delicious wine. In this Rhone inspired bottling and label, you’ll find some delightful French inspired surprises. The blend comes from several Syrah sites including our own Barrett Vineyards (a tiny 2 acre block at the foot of Mount St. Helena), some Grenache from a vineyard site in the eastern hills of St Helena, and a dollop of Petite Sirah from a neighboring vineyard in Calistoga. All are exceptional vineyard sites, quite rocky and steep, producing an incredibly layered, textural, and complex wine.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Dates: Sept 26, 29, Oct 1, 4, 8, 2012
Blend: 95% Syrah, 2.5% Grenache, and 2.5% Petite Sirah
Some Chemistry: 14.8% alc. T.A. 0.57, pH 3.87
100% French oak barrels 45% new for 22 months
Bottling date: July 2, 2014
Release date: Sept 1, 2016
Production: 340 cases

Tasting Notes: 2012 “Le Barrettagé” (tasted 10/24/15by HPB)

The 2012 “Le Barrettagé” is very dark blackberry in color with deep, dark, fully ripe aromas of black plums, pomegranate juice, smoked meat, mineral earth, savory spices, and a hint of bacon. It is concentrated, black and rich across the palate with smoky sweet mouth coating refined tannins, and a seamless long finish. This is a thing of beauty for Rhone style wine lovers. I love this wine! It’s blend of several different Syrahs, Grenache, and a dash of Petite Sirah to complete this delicious proprietary “Rhone style” blend from La Sirena. Don’t miss this one!

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 Barrettagé**, **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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Heidi P. Barrett'.

Heidi Peterson Barrett
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