



## **2014 La Sirena Art Bus** **Winemaker Notes /Fact Sheet**

Art Bus is one of our unique winemaker blends from **La Sirena**. Art Bus celebrates the Artistic side of winemaking - I have often compared the Art of blending to painting. In both, the Artist uses different hues (flavors) to create something truly unique and beautiful (and in the case of wine, something delicious!) In this rich layered blend, I sought to create an exciting new blend as a tribute to Artists of every medium who strive to create beauty. This is also our charity bottling where a percentage of our sales go to Heifer International, helping families all over the world. Our label shows one of our “found” object Art projects- an abandoned bus that was given new life as a fanciful Central-American inspired Art studio complete with cargo on the roof. Wishing you “Pura Vida!” Literally- Pure life!

### **Just the Facts:**

Harvest Date: Sept 10 & 22, 2014

Blend is 80% Syrah and 18% Cab Sauv from our estate Barrett Vineyards, plus 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 14.5% alc. T.A. 0.57, pH 3.86

100% French oak barrels: 40% new, 22 months in barrel, variety of coopers

Bottling date: June 20, 2016

Release date: Sept 14, 2018

Production: 270 cases

### **Tasting Notes: 2014 Art Bus** (tasted 9/11/18 by HPB)

One of my favorite wines to make, Art Bus is a creative blend that shows off the delicious fruit we grow at our own Calistoga property (Cab Sauv and Syrah). We don't make it every year, but were able to produce its fourth iteration in the bountiful 2014 vintage. It shows a dense, dark ruby color with deep aromas of ripe fruit, black plums, dark cherry, and cedar, with sweet toasty French oak notes. On the palate, it's very mouth-coating and rich, with explosive flavors. I love the silky yet powerful impact and chewy texture of this wine - it definitely has a wow factor! A big wine that will age nicely, with serious structure and perfect balance - already impressive and enjoyable upon release.

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. The first vintage of La Sirena was 1994 and the first Cabernet Sauvignon was made in 1996. At La Sirena we focus on wines that I personally love making and drinking. Our current lineup of wines includes **Cabernet Sauvignon**, “**Le Barrettagé**” Rhone style blend, **Grenache**, **Malbec**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Rosato** (rose of Primitivo), and our proprietary blends **Pirate TreasuRed** and **ART BUS**. Production is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence - the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best!

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