



2016 La Sirena Malbec **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Announcing a new release of varietal Malbec from La Sirena! We are very excited to bring back this delicious and popular wine. I have made Malbec for various clients from time to time over the last ten years but it has always been as blending wine for Cabernet based blends. Starting in 2013, I had the opportunity to buy a small amount of beautiful Malbec grapes from a nearby vineyard, and the result was so delicious I just had to bottle it on its own. The grapes came from a vineyard from our neighbors, just over the Napa Valley border in Knights Valley, which produces an excellent and unique expression of Malbec.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: October 3, 2016

Blend: 97% Malbec Knights Valley, Sonoma County AVA; 3% Syrah (Barrett Vineyards, Calistoga)

Some Chemistry: 14.2% alc. T.A. 6.3, pH 3.81

100% French oak barrels 42% new for 22 months

Bottling date: June 25, 2018

Release date: July 10, 2020

Production: 202 cases

Tasting Notes: 2016 Malbec (tasted 6/29/20 by HPB)

The 2016 Malbec from La Sirena is very deep garnet-ruby in color, with aromas of blueberry, coffee mocha, savory spices, and toast. Across the palate it is a robust, hearty red wine, luscious with well-integrated tannins. Ripe fruit character dominates with black cherry, blueberry, and red currant flavors. The texture is silky and elegant, yet explosive and exciting. Great balance and length with a lingering finish of ripe fruit tart and mocha round out a beautiful and approachable expression of Malbec.

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. The wines we make are **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Le Barrettagé** (Rhône style blend), **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Rosato** (Rose of Primitivo), **Malbec**, 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, reading "Heidi P. Barrett".

Heidi Peterson Barrett

Winemaker/ Owner, La Sirena