



2020 La Sirena Chardonnay **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

La Sirena Chardonnay is back for our latest release of this elegant, complex & food-friendly white wine. Our first vintage in 2016 was so delicious and such a hit, we decided to continue making it. I have made Chardonnay a number of times for my clients over the years, but I was not compelled to make my own until a special vineyard site became available in 2016. I was offered a few tons of fruit from the Rued family original vineyard planted in 1969. The offer was intriguing, so I went to have a look, and was immediately taken with the magnificent old vines and their large gnarled trunks & arms. I couldn't resist working with such a special site, and La Sirena Chardonnay was born.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Date: September 8, 2020

Blend: 100% Chardonnay Russian River Valley, Sonoma County appellation

Some Chemistry: 13.2% alc. T.A. 6.7, pH 3.35

SS drums and French oak barrels 10% new for 9 months

Bottling date: June 21, 2021

Release date: April 19, 2022

Production: 245 cases

Tasting Notes: 2020 Chardonnay (tasted 4/18/22 by HPB)

Sourced from the original 1969 planting of the Rued clone of Chardonnay, which is known for its somewhat tropical aromatics - some even refer to it as the Muscat clone of Chardonnay. Brilliant light golden straw in color with beautiful fruit aromas reminiscent of asian pear, green apple, pineapple, and citrus zest, with complementary notes of honey and crème brûlée. A touch of toasty French oak enhances the aromatics and fruit flavors across the palate. The mouthfeel, texture and flavor profile is just delicious, with nicely balanced acidity and richness. Reminiscent of a white Burgundy or Chablis with its fresh and refined style.

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**, **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), **Rosato** (rosé of Primitivo), **Chardonnay**, **Malbec**, and our 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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