



2021 La Sirena Studio Series **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

The fourth release of our new La Sirena label – Studio Series. In addition to being a winemaker, I have also been a painter and visual artist for many years. My mother, Diane Brisbois Peterson, was a professional artist, so I grew up immersed in artistic creativity as well as wine. Throughout my winemaking career, I have sought to explore creative avenues within the scientific discipline of wine, and blending has been one of the most fulfilling ways to do that. Studio Series is a Cab/Syrah-forward winemaker blend that will feature a different painting of mine on the label each vintage. I'm proud to offer this special wine that shows off my creative work both inside and outside of the bottle.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Dates: Sept 4, 15, 16 + 21, 2021

Blend: 34% Cabernet Sauvignon, 58% Syrah, 6% Petite Sirah, 2% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 14.6% alc., T.A. 5.85, pH 3.68

100% French oak barrels. 40% new, 22 months, variety of coopers and barrel ages

Bottling date: June 29, 2023 Release date: May 1, 2025

Production: 140 cases

Artwork: "Wine Bottles" by Heidi Barrett, acrylic on canvas – giclees available by request

Tasting Notes: Tasted 1/31/25 by HPB

Dark garnet in color, this blend of predominantly Syrah and Cab shows off both varietals layered together, with prominent notes of black cherry-berry fruit, plum and currants, and a touch of savory, meaty character along with appealing spice accents. This would be an excellent steak wine with its beautiful structure, flavors and length. The wine is completely dry, but the mid palate has a sweet impression because of the gorgeous pure fruit flavors. A touch of Cab Franc adds to the initial wow factor, and a bit of Petite Sirah rounds out the blend with a bit of extra power. This elegant work of winemaking artistry will delight with its richness and complexity for many years to come.

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**, 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!

Heidi Peterson Barrett
Winemaker/Owner, La Sirena