



2022 La Sirena Chardonnay **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Our latest release of this elegant, complex & food-friendly white wine. 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 source became available in 2016 - 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 3, 2022
AVA: Russian River Valley, Sonoma County
Blend: 100% Chardonnay
Some Chemistry: 13.7% alc. T.A. 7.2, pH 3.26
French oak barrels 10% new for 10 months
Bottling date: June 29, 2023
Release date: May 1, 2025
Production: 98 cases

Tasting Notes: 2022 Chardonnay (tasted 1/31/25 by HPB)

Pale lemon yellow color with classic Chardonnay aromas of green apple, citrus, pomelo, and just a kiss of light French oak. Beautiful purity of aromas and flavors reflecting each other. Nice round mouthfeel without heaviness, and the crisp mouthwatering acidity balances the lushness on the palate. The minerality of place comes through from the rocky hillside vineyard in the Russian River Valley, and has a flinty note reminiscent of Chablis. A delightfully complex, elegant and food-friendly Chardonnay that was barrel aged on the lees for 10 months.

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**, **Barrett Vineyard Syrah**, 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Heidi P. Barrett'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'H' and 'B'.

Heidi Peterson Barrett
Winemaker/ Owner, La Sirena