



2016 La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon **Winemaker Notes/Fact Sheet**

Cabernet Sauvignon is our flagship wine for La Sirena, and the best example of the elegance, balance, and beautiful opulence that I strive for in my red wines. Cabernet Sauvignon is what I am best known for, what I have built my 30+ year reputation on, as well as my favorite wine to make. Cabernet lovers will recognize the winemaking style which is similar in blend profile to the famous and much-loved Screaming Eagle wines I made previously. With the richness & depth of Napa Valley Cabernet fruit on display, La Sirena Cabernet Sauvignon has a 20+ year tradition of age-worthiness, velvety structure & powerful presence that has impressed wine lovers around the world.

Just the Facts:

Harvest Dates: Sept 9, 14, 26, 29 2016

Blend: 88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot, 3% Cab Franc

Some Chemistry: 15.3% alc., T.A. 6.0, pH 3.67

100% French oak barrels. 45% new, 22 months, variety of coopers and barrel ages

Bottling date: June 25, 2018 Release date: Oct 4, 2019

Production: 400cs, and 90 etched magnums, gold leafed and signed.

Tasting Notes: Tasted 10/01/19 by HPB

The 2016 Cab is ripe and concentrated, darkly colored and very aromatic in the glass. Immediate notes of blackberry pie, plum, and black cherry are rounded out with 5 spice, cedar, and an accent of toasty French oak. Big flavors meld with a plush, velvety texture on the palate - tannins are velvety and integrated, providing the structure to make this wine cellar-worthy for many years to come. A strong initial burst of flavor followed by a round mid-palate, culminating in a long finish - it's a complete wine that leaves a lasting impression. A gorgeous, classic expression of Napa Valley Cabernet - powerful and well-balanced.

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. Our first vintage of La Sirena was 1994, making only a couple hundred cases of Sangiovese through 1999. We introduced the first Cabernet Sauvignon with the 1996 vintage, and the first dry Muscat in 2003. Our current lineup includes: **Cabernet Sauvignon**, “**Le Barretage**” Rhone style blend, **Malbec**, **Grenache**, **Rosato** (Rose of Primitivo), **Moscato Azul** (dry Muscat Canelli), our winemaker blends **PIRATE TreasuRed** and our charity wine, **ART BUS**. Production is always small, focusing on fine handmade wines of purity and excellence, the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heidi P. Barrett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized flourish at the end.

Heidi Peterson Barrett
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