

	Retail	Savings
<b>\$58.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>11%</b>

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## 2015 La Sirena Pirate TreasuRedproduct-timed-pdf - Red Blend | Napa Valley - Heidi Barrett Winemaking | 94pt Vintage

### Why We're Drinking It

Pirate TreasuRed returns for its 9th swashbuckling vintage, 2015. There's no reason you can't have a bit of fun with high quality wine!!

*I make wine from a number of different varieties each year to be able to have more blending options. (It's a bit like adding more colors to your palette if you are an artist.) The first year I worked on this wine (2007) the result was not what I expected, but something even better. The blend I came up with was so delicious that an entirely new wine was born. Because the original blend used seven varietals, the 'treasure of the seven seas' idea was a natural and so was the Pirate name. Each year the blend changes slightly, but the 2015 once again has seven varietals. As you can imagine, it's a big, dark, raucous blend, completely mouth filling and bold, yet made with finesse.*

*The glass bottles resemble rum bottles. We used an old map of Napa Valley for the treasure map label, but on our map Napa Valley floats like an island. Where X marks the spot is my house in Calistoga. Mermaid cove is marked with our La Sirena mermaid. I won't give all the fun of the back label away but, it's in "Pirate speak" and begins with, "Avast ye salty bilge rats!" You will undoubtedly love reading it aloud in your best pirate accent. And, when you toast with your friends the appropriate toast is "ARRRRGH!" I hope you enjoy drinking this wine as much as we enjoy making it.*

*Our production at La Sirena is always small, focusing on fine wines of purity and excellence, the best that can be made. Wishing you all the best! -- Heidi Peterson Barrett*

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### Tasting Notes

The powerful 2015 vintage delivers a deep garnet colored wine with incredibly concentrated ripe aromatics of black fruits, leather and spice. Layers of fruit and oak are enticing on the palate and lead into a big, mouth-coating & dense wine that still maintains excellent balance among all elements. A blockbuster of a blend with well-rounded and complex flavors, richness and a long lingering finish. Flavors persist as does the texture of the wine. Extracted but not heavy, with moderate silky structural tannins. Really delicious - an impressive new installment in our Pirate saga!

#### **VARIETAL**

Blend of 7 red varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Grenache, Cab Franc, Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah

#### **APPELLATION**

Napa Valley

#### **ALCOHOL**

14.50

#### **SIZE**

750ml

#### **BLEND**

Red Blend

#### **AGING/COOPERAGE**

100% French Oak, ~40% new, 22 months

#### **PRODUCTION**

700-800 cases produced annually

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### The Story to Know

#### From the winery:

Heidi Peterson Barrett is one of the world's most renowned and respected winemakers. Since the 1980s, she has created some of the Napa Valley's most famous wines, including Screaming Eagle, Dalla Valle, Grace Family, Paradigm, and many others. She started her own brand, La Sirena, in 1994, and began her collaboration brand, Barrett & Barrett, with

her husband, Bo Barrett of Chateau Montelena, in 2010.

Heidi got her start at a young age. Her father, Dick Peterson, is a scientist-winemaker, and her mother, Diane, an artist. She gravitated toward both fields, and found that the world of wine was an ideal place for her to explore and combine these passions. Growing up, she worked in numerous vineyards and wineries alongside her dad, and decided to pursue it as a career, attending UC Davis for fermentation science and going on to several internships and positions in the industry.

Her career took off in the late 80s when she began working for Dalla Valle as an “independent winemaker”. She began to develop a tiny project called Screaming Eagle shortly afterwards, and from there, things escalated quickly. With 5 perfect 100-point scores for her wines in the span of just a few years, Heidi skyrocketed to international fame, setting a world record for the highest price ever paid for a single bottle of wine (\$500,000 for a 6L of 1992 Screaming Eagle at the Napa Valley Wine Auction in 2000).

Today, Heidi maintains a stable of ultra-premium client wineries, including Paradigm, Lamborn, Amuse Bouche, Au Sommet, Fantesca, and Kenzo, as well as her own brands La Sirena and Barrett & Barrett. She and Bo live among their vineyards in Calistoga. In her free time, she enjoys scuba diving, flying her helicopter, making art, and gardening.

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