

## **Wine Data Sheet**

Name of product: Meinert "La Barry" Red 2011

La What? Named after my wife Leigh Ann Barry, for whom I have been

making a Sauvignon blanc since 2008 as she does not drink red wine. I have grown weary of waiting for her to convert to the darker side and this gentle juicy red is my attempt to entice her.

Will she jump?

Vineyards: The four sites that we use for this wine are all on our property

Devon Crest. Soils are deep rich red-brown Huttons and Glenrosas, and the vines receive minimal irrigation.

Blend: Merlot 63%, with smaller amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon and

Cabernet franc.

Winemaking: The varieties are vinified separately and some of the Merlot is

aged in tank with micro-oxygenation to preserve freshness. The Cabernets are aged in barrels for about a year before the blend is assembled. Bottled 14 February 2013 – Valentine's Day in

honour of my wife.

Analysis: Alcohol 13.81 vol%

Residual sugar 3.7 g/l
Total acidity 5.3 g/l
pH 3.55
Total extract 32.2 g/l

Comments: A wine for every day that offers just that little bit more, I think.

It has a lovely mid-palate fullness which belies its status, yet the finish is gentle and fresh. Good for simply drinking as well enjoying with a meal, such as carpaccio or even a sirloin with

Café de Paris sauce.