

'08

AXIOS

NAPA VALLEY

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A powerhouse collaboration between proprietor Gus Kalaris and winemaker Bob Egelhoff. The result - a super premium Cabernet Sauvignon of Napa Valley "cult" status. "Axios", meaning worthy in Greek, reflects Gus' vision to craft a wine of Bordeaux influence that represents the richness of its' Napa Valley origin. This wine was proudly served at a reception hosted by President Bush at The White House in March of 2002.



Appellation: Napa Valley

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cooperage/aging: 60 gallon French Oak barrels
(70% new) for 22 months

Alcohol: 14.6%

Total Production: 496

Winemaker: Bob Egelhoff

"Opaque with a ruby rim and red stained legs. Aromas of black raspberry, mocha, vanilla, plum jam and chocolate truffle. Ripe tannins with cherry, dark plum and vanilla kissed current notes."
93 Points - Gold Medal - "Stellar Cellar Selection"
Beverage Tasting Institute (Nov 2013)

"I am very pleased how the 2008 Axios bursts from the glass with beautiful fruit and a thrilling, complex bouquet of wild blueberry, blackberry, black currant, black cherry, crushed stone and graphite. On the palate, it is full-bodied and voluptuous with an exceptional balance of beautifully integrated fruit and fine, persistent tannins. It displays a rich, dark berry fruit character with hints of licorice, chocolate, creme de cassis and a distinct minerality. The finish is penetrating, lasting well over a minute. This '08 release is the best example of my mission to produce a wine of classic Bordeaux structure and influence along with the richness of its Napa Valley origin. Although drinking beautifully now, those who can wait a decade or two will be well rewarded for their patience".

Gus Kalaris - Vintner/Owner

Harvest Report: Napa Valley wine growers met the challenges of crazy weather in 2008. Although low yielding, the resulting fruit had incredible concentration. Mother Nature may have lightened the load in the vineyard, but what's being revealed in the winery are very well structured, concentrated and elegant wines.