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# 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:** 14.5%

**Total Production:** 892

**Winemaker:** Bob Egelhoff

"An example is certainly the 2005 Axios. One-hundred percent Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is concentrated, still young, but with terrific density, richness, and concentration, although still playing it close to the vest. Opaque purple in color, with plenty of creme de cassis, licorice, and subtle smoke and earth, the wine is full-bodied, beautifully pure and layered, but one can sense that most of the nuances and complexity have still not emerged. This wine is "locked and loaded," as they say, and 2-3 more years of bottle age will be enormously beneficial for it. It should drink well for two decades. A brilliant success in the vintage!"

95 Points - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (Dec 2009)

**Harvest Report:** A record setting precipitation late in the growing season delayed flowering and fruit-set. The summer months were cool and pleasant with few heat spikes. Fog and cool temperatures were a concern heading into September, as sugar levels were yet to rise. Warm, near perfect conditions arrived with an indian summer, making for a later than average harvest, providing winemakers with fruit with extended hang-time, excellent sugar development and balanced acids with a larger than average crop in what is a signature vintage from Napa Valley.