
AXIOS

NAPA VALLEY

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Cabernet Sauvignon
2005

BACKGROUND

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. Axios has been served at multiple receptions hosted by Presidents Bush and Obama at the White House, as well as, the chosen wine for all events during the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's historic visit to the States.

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

TOTAL PRODUCTION

892 cases

ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.5%

COOPERAGE/AGING

60 gallon French Oak barrels
(70% new) for 22 months

"An example is certainly the 2005 Axios. 100% percent Cabernet, 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)

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