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# AXIOS

## NAPA VALLEY

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## 2021

### BACKGROUND

Proprietor Gus Kalaris, encouraged by the likes of friends at Harlan and Lail, set his sights squarely on the super-premium Napa category with the premier vintage of Axios in 1999. "Axios", a word of Greek origin meaning worthy. Gus's vision was to craft a wine of Bordeaux influence that represents the richness of its Napa Valley roots. Axios has been served at multiple White House, Vice President's residence, State Department, and Blair House receptions and dinners hosted by President's, VP's, and Cabinet Secretary's. Axios was honorably chosen for all events during the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew's historic visits to the United States. Axios has continued to be embraced by the world's top collectors, restaurants, and shoppes, celebrating its 25th harvest in 2024.

### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

211 cases (9L)

### COOPERAGE/AGING

60 gallon French Oak barrels  
(70% new) for 24 months

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

32% Estate Merlot  
27% Estate Petite Verdot  
26% Estate Cabernet Franc  
15% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.5%

### VINTNER'S NOTES

This 2021 release represents an important historical progression in our winemaking. Purchasing our vineyard twelve years ago, we replanted two thirds of our acreage to Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Petite Verdot, keeping the outstanding Merlot that is now considered old vine. Our first Merlot won the International Sommelier Challenge as the #1 overall wine vs two-thousand competitors. As the rest of the vineyard has beautifully matured, the 2021 harvest allowed us to realize our dream of producing a Right Bank inspired wine, which as we advance will continue on as AXIOS. The wine is exceptional, exemplifying the enormous potential in blending. Subtle sexy fresh bright fruit throughout, the wine is complex and rich with Axios's tell tale perfect balance, and a very long velvety finish.



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The Wine  
Independent

• Lisa Ferratti-Brown MW •

RP  
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Robert Parker  
WINE ADVOCATE



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### 2131

*Cabernet Sauvignon*  
2013

#### BACKGROUND

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of surpassing Lou Gehrig's consecutive game streak, Ripken has teamed up with Napa Valley's AXIOS winery to make a luxury Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is named "2131" after Ripken's record-breaking number of consecutive games. One-third of the profits from the wine will be donated to the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, which supports at-risk youth through baseball related programs. This collectable wine is a limited run of 2,131 bottles and sold individually in wood-and-glass boxes.

#### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

178 cases

#### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.6%

#### COOPERAGE/AGING

60 gallon French oak barrels  
(66% new) for 22 months

This wine was produced in honor of Cal Ripken Jr.'s 2131st consecutive game played, breaking the record in September 1995. 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 incolor, with plenty of creme de cassis, licorice, and subtle smoke and earth, the wine is full-bodied and beautifully pure and layered. The proceeds will be donated to The Cal Ripken Sr foundation, reaching over one million children.

**WINE  
ENTHUSIAST**

**93** /100



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### KALARIS

*Cabernet Sauvignon*  
2019

#### BACKGROUND

The Kalaris brand, began in 2009 following a decade of success with Axios, Worthy, and Truth. Proprietor Gus Kalaris, purchased what is now The Kalaris Family Vineyard in 2012. The Calistoga estate is planted to Bordeaux varietals, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. This has strengthened quality beyond our Axios vineyards alone. Staying true to the vision of the brand, the Kalaris wines are hand crafted, small production and of the highest quality. They meet Gus's requirements of producing first class wines in a style reminiscent of its French counterparts. Kalaris Cabernet is a true reflection of Left Bank meets Napa Valley.

#### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

383 cases

#### COOPERAGE/AGING

60 gallon French Oak barrels  
(60% new) for 24 months

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

31% Atlas Peak Cabernet Sauvignon  
31% St. Helena Eastern Hillside  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
14% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon  
12% Estate Merlot  
6% Estate Cabernet Franc  
6% Estate Petit Verdot

#### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.5%

"Aromas of redcurrants, cranberries, violets and hazelnuts. Medium-to full-bodied with slightly tight tannins. Bright and fresh on the palate with slightly riper red fruit than the nose suggested. Nice length."

**91 Points**  
*James Suckling*

#### VINTNERS NOTES

2019 Kalaris Cabernet Sauvignon is a declassification of our premier cuvee, AXIOS. As we have continued our transformation to using more estate fruit and an even more vigorous blending selection, the outcome in 2019 was exceptional, with all our efforts going into only two wines of very high quality being produced at prices well below our qualitative set. The Kalaris Cabernet is fresh, lively, and perfectly structured. The wines phenolics jump out of the glass with a beautiful fresh Garrigue element, producing a beautiful euphoric bouquet which warmly wraps the complex flavors of pure ripe Blackberry, Raspberry, and dark Cherry, leading to a lengthy silky finish.

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# WORTHY

*Sophia's Cuveé Cabernet Sauvignon*  
2022

### BACKGROUND

When Worthy's first vintage (2001) became the highest rated Napa red wine in Wine Spectator's Top 100 wines of the world, we started a legacy of Affordable Luxury. Made with the same care and many of the same vineyard sources as our flagship Axios, Worthy has long been considered an exceptional high class wine that over delivers in every vintage.

The 2022 is no different. In fact it is our highest level wine made exclusively from Axios sources.

### APPELLATION

100% Napa Valley

### CEPAGE

86% Cabernet Sauvignon

8% Merlot

5% Cabernet Franc

1% Petit Verdot

### VINEYARDS

AXIOS Estate, Stags Leap,  
Atlas Peak

### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.5%

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

3,100 Cases

### FEATURES

Unfined/Unfiltered

### COOPERAGE/AGING

20 Months in 60% New  
French Oak

### TASTING NOTES

Beautifully built. Ripe and inviting. Displays beautifully extracted Licorice Root, Sweet Garigue, Black Current, Dark Cherry, and Chestnut notes. Perfectly balanced, with a long high energy finish.



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# WORTHY

*Reserve*  
2017

### BACKGROUND

In our desire to create Pomerol style wines, we re-planted a significant block to Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot to complement our Old Vine Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Worthy “Kalaris Family Vineyard” Reserve is the first endeavor reflecting our new blending philosophy. This first release has been held in bottle for 3 years to tremendous benefit. Beginning with the 2021 releases, this transition takes further shape with Axios. An exciting new chapter, just in time to celebrate our 25<sup>TH</sup> year.

### APPELLATION

Napa Valley

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 50%

Estate Cabernet Franc 31%

Estate Merlot 19%

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

208 cases

### COOPERAGE/AGING

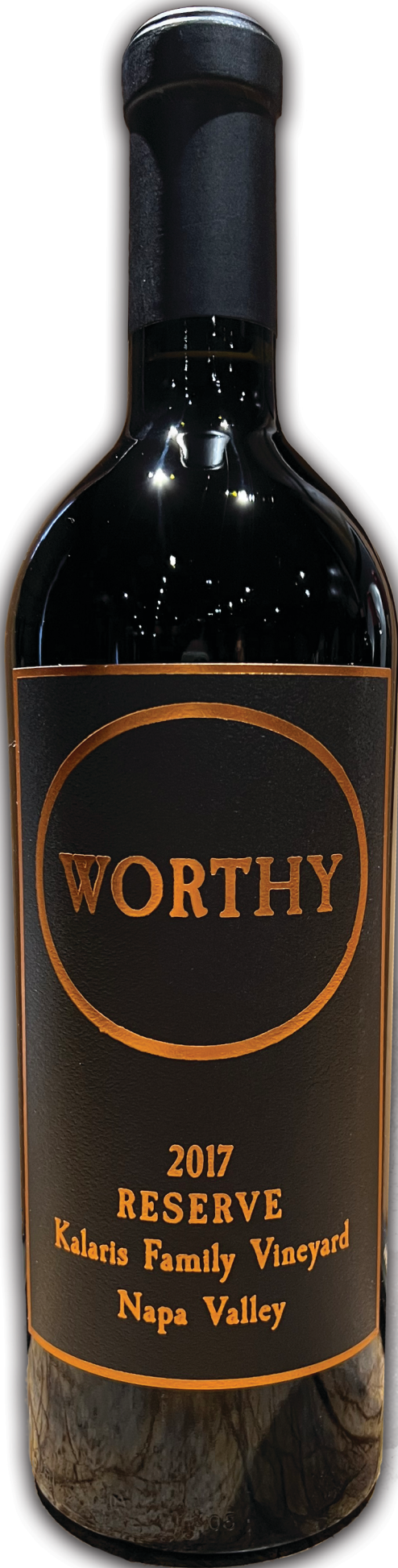
60 gallon French Oak barrels  
(50% new) for 27 months

### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.5%

### VINTNER'S NOTES

Brilliant dark amethyst hue. Classic black olive, ripe blackberry, black raspberry, luscious dark plum, sweet herbs, and alluring cassis. Complex harmonious flavors, gracefully balanced with a lingering savory finish.



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### WORTHY

*Sauvignon Blanc, Dry Creek Valley*  
2023

#### BACKGROUND

Dry Creek viticulture area is the undisputed champion of American Sauvignon Blanc. Our mission to create world class whites makes this the perfect source.

#### CEPAGE

100% Sauvignon Blanc

#### APPELLATION

100% Sonoma County

#### VINEYARDS

100% Dry Creek Valley

#### COOPERAGE/AGING

Stainless Steel

#### FEATURES

Unfined/Unfiltered

#### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

12.8%

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

1,600 Cases

#### TASTING NOTES

Aromatics of lemon curd, ripe peach, sweet herb, and slight grass notes. On the palate, ripe and racy. Great acidity while embracing a magnificent oily texture. This old vine sauvignon blanc is perfectly balanced with exceptional length. This vintage of Worthy Sauvignon Blanc is the result of a perfect storm! Drinks far better than its price.



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# TRUTH

## DARK & JAMMY

*Cabernet Sauvignon*  
2017

### BACKGROUND

The label for Truth was the inspiration behind this wine's name. Looking at one's own reflection unveils the truth. With Truth, we wanted to create an outstanding bistro style wine for everyday consumption. This intriguing label was proudly displayed at the SFMOMA's exhibition "How Wine Became Modern". You will find a complex, fruit driven, crowd pleasing wine that always delivers beyond it's price.

### APPELLATION

California

### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon 80%  
Petite Sirah 20%

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

3,200 cases

### COOPERAGE/AGING

French Oak(20% new)

### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

13.7%

### Winemaker Notes:

*The 2017 Truth Dark & Jammy is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Petite Sirah. On the nose, bright violets and savory spices are met with hints of dark fruits and silky cherries that weave elegant tapestries of flavor and lead to a ripe jammy finish.*



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# TRUTH

*Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley*  
2023

### BACKGROUND

Truth Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley 2023 is the answer to a market demanding better for less. We have always demonstrated value in all of our products. However, nothing quite as compelling as this wine. The wine is tender and rich from Stags Leap and Coombsville grapes. As you know, 2023 is a historically great vintage for Napa wines.

As with Worthy, which has consistently punched well above it's weight for decades, this offering continues in the same vain, with a Quality Price Ratio that the competition simply can't touch.

### APPELLATION

100% Napa Valley

### CEPAGE

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

2,900 Cases

### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.5%

### COOPERAGE/AGING

18 Months in 40% New French Oak

### FEATURES

Unfined/Unfiltered

### TASTING NOTES

Of the highest quality, this incredible value Napa Cabernet Sauvignon offers classic, rich black fruit flavors of black cherry, blackberry, and cassis. The wine is expertly balanced, with velvety tannins and a classy lengthy finish.



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# TRUTH

*Chardonnay, Alexander Valley*  
2024

### CEPAGE

100% Chardonnay

### APPELLATION

100% Sonoma County

### VINEYARDS

100% Alexander Valley

### COOPERAGE/AGING

8 Months in experienced oak and concrete

### FEATURES

Unfined/Unfiltered

### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

14.2%

### TOTAL PRODUCTION

1,500 Cases

### TASTING NOTES

Expressive scents of Baked Apple and Lemon Cream jump from the glass. Superbly vibrant with a generous and succulent core of Baked Apple, bruleed tropical fruit and zesty sweet Meyer Lemon. An appropriate touch of minerality extracted from 30 year old vines is the perfect finishing touch to this very well balanced wine. The finish is lengthy and memorable. Another exceptional value from Truth.



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### TRUTH

*Pinot Noir, Carneros Napa Valley*  
2024

#### CEPAGE

100% Pinot Noir

#### APELLATION

100% Napa

#### VINEYARDS

100% Napa Carneros

#### COOPERAGE/AGING

12 Months in 10% New French Oak

#### FEATURES

Unfined/Unfiltered

#### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

13.8%

#### TOTAL PRODUCTION

1,900 Cases

#### TASTING NOTES

A beautiful wine, displaying scents of Rose Petal, just picked Strawberries and Raspberry. Light on its feet while possessing a lovely silky texture with an abundance of Cherry, Strawberry, and Raspberry fruit on the palate.

Very impressive polished finish. Exceptional value.





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### PHILOTIMO

*Xinomavro / Cabernet Sauvignon*  
2015

#### BACKGROUND

Philotimo is a historic wine with a powerful mystical name. The wine is the idea and creation of Napa Vintner, Importer and Distributor, Gus Kalaris. Philotimo is the first blend of Greek & American wines.

Kalaris produces the highly acclaimed AXIOS Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, which is half of the blend. Kalaris carefully selected the perfect counterpart for this blend through his relationship with Greece's finest Xinomavro producer, Alpha Estate owner Angelos Iatridis. Iatridis agreed to sell several barrels of his best French-oaked Xinomavro for the project.

With perseverance, the wine was bottled in September 2017, under the direction of AXIOS winemaker, Bob Egelhoff. The resulting blend is truly stunning and exhibits the best attributes of both varietals.

The word Philotimo runs deep into the soul of all Greeks. It is the undercurrent which binds Hellenes together; the spirit that has left Greeks and Americans on the right side of history. Literally, Philo means friend, Timo means honor. More deeply, it means love and honor within one's self. To have a sense of duty, courage, personal sacrifice, compassion, empathy, humility, decency, and respect.

#### APPELLATION

Napa Valley, USA  
Nemea, Greece

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

50% Cabernet Sauvignon  
50% Xinomarvo

#### PRODUCTION

900 cases

#### ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE

13.8%

#### COOPERAGE AGING

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

**93** POINT  
RATING

the tastingpanel  
MAGAZINE