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# AXIOS

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## NAPA VALLEY

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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.