

2016 Napa Valley Merlot

AXIOS NAPA VALLEY

KALARIS

Merlot 2016

BACKGROUND

The Kalaris label, named after the proprietor Gus Kalaris is th newest addition to our family of wines. Following the success of our Pinot Noir and Chardonnay we have extended the line to include a Merlot coming from our Calistoga Kalaris Family Vineyard. Staying true to the vision of the brand, these wines are hand-crafted, small production and of the highest quality. They are a true reflection of Gus' vision to produce first class wines in a classic old world style but allowing the wine's Nap Valley origin to shine.

APPELLATION Napa Valley

TOTAL PRODUCTION 398 cases

COOPERAGE/AGING 60 gallon French Oak barrels (50% new) for 18 months VARIETAL COMPOSITION Merlot 89% Cabernet Sauvignon 11%

ALCOHOL PERCENTAGE 13.4%

The deep purple-black colored 2016 Merlot Kalaris Family Vineyards Estate gives an intensely fruity, open-for-business nose of warm plums and crushed black berries with a waft of spice box and eucalyptus. Medium to full-bodied, the soft-textured palate brings in a pleasant savory element, and it finishes pleasantly minty.

89 Points - Robert Parker Wine Advocate

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