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NAPA VALLEY

KALARIS

The Kalaris label, named after the proprietor Gus Kalaris is the 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 Napa Valley origin to shine.



Appellation: 100% Napa Valley

Composition: 89% Merlot 11% Cabernet Sauvignon

Cooperage/aging: 60 gallon French oak barrels (50% new) for 18 months

Alcohol: 13.4%

Total Production: 398 cases

Winemaker: Bob Egelhoff

Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition

WINE OF THE YEAR – Best of Show

97 points - Platinum

"A panel of advanced and master sommeliers at the 7th annual *Sommelier Challenge International Wine Competition* loved this Napa Valley Merlot, and it's easy to see why. With firm structure and rich layers red and black fruits, it could easily pass for a Right Bank Bordeaux. Aromas of plum, blueberry and blackberry dominate this wine that exhibits impressive dimension and weight. The wood note hangs judiciously in the background, lending hints of vanilla and spice." - Robert Whitley

Harvest Report: The 2013 harvest was early, even and excellent. A warm dry spring brought an early bud break and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set. In the weeks after Labor Day, a moderate heat spike followed by a period of exceptional weather created the perfect scenario for end of season ripening. Rain was not an issue and for the second vintage in a row, the quality of the fruit was outstanding throughout Napa.