
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 •

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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE