



OUTSTANDING ARTISAN

# AXIOS

NAPA VALLEY

Proprietor: Gus Kalaris  
Winemaker: Robert Egelhoff

*"This is the personal project of Axios Wine Company's Gus Kalaris, who enlists Bob Egelhoff to produce these wines from a blend of selected vineyards primarily in Oakville and Rutherford, with some Spring Mountain fruit occasionally thrown in. The wines are aged two years in about 75% new French oak, and production ranges from 600 to 800 cases. The 2005 will be released in a few months, and by the end of next year, the 2006 and 2007 will follow. Every time I go back to a top 2005 Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, I am increasingly impressed. I still think the three greatest vintages over the last decade in Napa are 2001, 2002, and 2007, but 2005 is very, very close." – Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate*

## TRUTH LINDSEY'S CUVÉE

**RMP:** "An outstanding bistro styled red, the 2006 Lindsey's Cuvée is a blend of almost two-thirds Syrah and the rest Malbec, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, Petite Sirah, and a tiny bit of Merlot coming from Napa, Sonoma, and Lodi. With supple, silky tannins and plenty of black cherry and black berry fruit intermixed with some spice and underbrush, this dark ruby/plum-colored wine is round, generous, somewhat opulent and fleshy. **It is a hedonistic, fruit-driven wine that consumers will love.** Drink it over the next several years."

## WORTHY SOPHIA'S CUVÉE

Worthy continues to be a stellar value in Bordeaux blends; the 2006 is 68% Cabernet Sauvignon, 28% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Franc, 2% Malbec, aged 20 months in 2/3 new French oak.

**RMP:** "The 2006 Sophia's Cuvée (a similar blend, with more Merlot and less Cabernet Sauvignon) is very Bordeaux-like, with earthy, herbal, spice box, red and black currants notes as well as some forest floor. A hint of white chocolate is also present. The wine is medium-bodied, elegant, restrained, and while not nearly the opulent fruit bomb of 2007, for those looking for a more European style of wine, this fits the bill. It should drink well for 4-6 years."

## AXIOS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 2 years in 70% new French oak and then a year in bottle prior to release. Only the finest barrels become Axios with '06 production a mere 750 cases. Axios means "worthy" in Greek, reflecting owner Kalaris' heritage.

**RMP on the 2005: 95 POINTS** "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 in color, with plenty of crème de cassis, licorice, and subtle smoke and earth, the wine is full-bodied, beautifully pure and layered, but one can sense that most of the nuances and complexity have still not emerged. This wine is "locked and loaded," as they say, and 2-3 more years of bottle age will be enormously beneficial for it. It should drink well for two decades. A brilliant success in the vintage!"

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