

2014 Napa Valley *Merlot*

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KALARIS

Merlot 2014

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%

A leaner style of merlot with some red fruit on the nose, as well as licorice and anisette undertones. Some herbs, too. Medium body with silky mouth feel. Well-balanced and fresh through the finish.

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