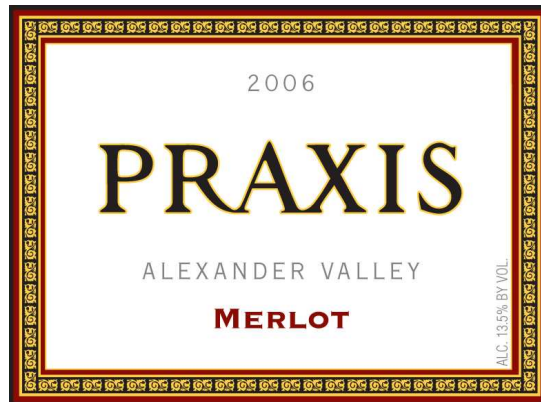


# Praxis 2006 Merlot



## WINERY

After a notable winemaking career with many prominent wineries, Bill Arbios fulfilled a longstanding dream of having his own label with the debut of Arbios Cellars in 1993. Arbios Cellars focuses on a single Bordeaux-style red wine, made from 100 percent Cabernet Sauvignon grapes grown in the acclaimed Alexander Valley of Sonoma County. In addition the second label - Praxis - features wines made from single varietals.

## DESCRIPTION:

The grapes for this wine come from a vineyard on a rise in the heart of Alexander Valley - the same vineyard that garnered our 2004 Merlot the title of Best American Merlot Under \$20 in *Food & Wine Magazine* (October, 2007).

Ruby highlights dance in the deep red liquid while aromas of plum, red currant, toasty vanilla and violet fill the glass. Rich berry and black cherry notes are complemented by mocha and dark, unsweetened chocolate flavors. The wine has balanced, mouth filling flavor with good depth, finish and round firm tannins.

## PRODUCTION:

1550 cases - 750 ml

## PICKING STATISTICS:

100% Alexander Valley, Merlot, harvested at 24.2 brix

## AGED 18 MONTHS:

American oak barrels

## ANALYSIS

13.5% alcohol by volume; residual sugar 0.02%, pH 3.51, TA 0.63 gm/100ml

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