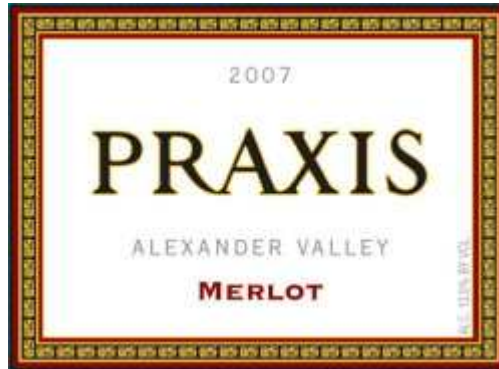


Praxis 2007 Merlot



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) and praise for our 2006 Merlot as "Merlot before it was mass produced...lip-smacking velvety, with a little complexity and guts." *Woodbury Magazine* (Fall 2009).

The color is a deep red with purple highlights. The nose offers vanilla, black cherry and plum, with warm spices and dry herbs. The wine is sleek and elegant with good acidity and full mouthfeel. Flavors of strawberry, blackberry, pomegranate and cassis are complemented by vanilla and spice. The wine has a long finish with soft tannins and toasty oak

PRODUCTION:

1672 cases - 750 ml

PICKING STATISTICS:

100% Alexander Valley, Merlot, harvested at 23.8 brix

AGED 18 MONTHS:

American oak barrels

ANALYSIS

13.5% alcohol by volume; residual sugar 0.02%, pH 3.68, TA 0.68 gm/100ml

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