



ALEXANDER VALLEY 1998
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Chicago Daily Herald, November 2002 Mary Ross' Pick of the Week

Big flavors of mountain fruit erupt through solid tannin...an elegant balance of green olive, earth, plum and the lightest touch of oak.

Nation's Restaurant News, October 2002 Wine of the Week

Arbios, a fairly new winery, offers a classic example of a wine that does not follow the vintage charts. Although 1998 is supposed to be an "off vintage" for Northern California wines, this '98 Cabernet Sauvignon tastes very well now. Arbios is a solid well-balanced Cabernet, somewhat European in style with hints of oak well integrated into the wine

Winemaker's notes

Arbios is a two-person company making wine from a single vineyard. Our size allows us flexibility to adapt to the vagaries of the weather. These grapes were picked the day before Thanksgiving letting them ripen more fully than many other producers in this vintage. The extra hang time allowed the complex aroma of this wine to develop and express more fully the terroir of this mountaintop vineyard. The Cabernet has elegant balance, is approachable, and is full and soft in the mouth.

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	Alcohol:	13.5%
Appellation:	Alexander Valley	TA (g/100 ml):	.62
Brix at Harvest:	24.2	pH:	3.58
Months in Oak:	24	Type of Oak:	French
% Malolactic:	100	Residual Sugar:	0.02
Winemaker:	Bill Arbios	Production:	780 cases

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