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| KALEIDOS | 2005 | MORPHEUS PROPRIETARY RED | PASO ROBLES | (\$34.00) | RED | (90-92) |
| KALEIDOS | 2004 | MORPHEUS PROPRIETARY RED | PASO ROBLES | (\$34.00) | RED | 90 |
| KALEIDOS | 2005 | OSIRIS | PASO ROBLES | (\$34.00) | RED | 88 |
| KALEIDOS | 2005 | SYRAH | PASO ROBLES | (\$34.00) | RED | 90 |
| KALEIDOS | 2004 | SYRAH | PASO ROBLES | (\$28.00) | RED | 90 |
| KALEIDOS | 2005 | SYRAH RESERVE | PASO ROBLES | (\$38.00) | RED | 89+ |

The enormous potential for high quality wines from vineyards west of Paso Robles, not far from the Pacific Ocean, is evident with the numerous top-notch offerings emerging from this region, including the following wines from Kaleidos. The outstanding **2004 Morpheus Proprietary Red** (67% Syrah, 23% Grenache, and 10% Mourvèdre) reveals a sexy perfume of subtle new oak, road tar, blackberries, cassis, cherries, and licorice. Medium to full-bodied with sweet tannin, it is a complex, rich, impressive effort to consume during its first 5-7 years of life. The dense ruby/purple-tinged, opulent **2004 Syrah** possesses loads of creamy oak nicely balanced by equal amounts of black fruits infused with charcoal, mocha, and a hint of chocolate. Powerful, broad, and savory, but not heavy, it should be drunk over the next 5-6 years.

The 2005s were strong efforts across the board. The medium ruby-colored **2005 Osiris** (68% Grenache, 22% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre) offers notes of kirsch liqueur interwoven with licorice, roasted herbs, and heady fruit. This medium to full-bodied, opulent, hedonistic, lovely wine would have merited a slightly higher score if it had additional complexity. Nevertheless, it is an alluring red to enjoy over the next 7-8 years. The full-bodied **2005 Morpheus Proprietary Red**, a blend of 70% Syrah, 15% Grenache, and 15% Mourvèdre, boasts an inky/ruby/purple color as well as a sweet bouquet of charcoal, blackberries, cassis, and acacia flowers. Ripe, broad, savory, stunningly rich, and well-proportioned, with low acidity and ripe tannin, it should be consumed over the next 6-7 years. Revealing even juicier, more abundant fruit than the 2004, the **2005 Syrah** does not yet reveal much complexity, but its soft, round, opulent, voluptuously-textured style is seductive. Interestingly, the **2005 Syrah Reserve** is more monolithic, no doubt because more new oak is used, and the wine reveals more tannin and structure. While it has plenty going for it, currently it is more closed and difficult to evaluate than its brethren. The color is a dark ruby/purple, and the aromas reveal spicy new oak intermixed with black fruits, licorice, and chocolate. It will benefit from 1-2 years of bottle age, and should drink well for 10-12 years. Tel. and Fax (805) 226-0828