

Jordan Sophia Auction Reserve 2008

Complex, dark chocolate, black cherry and cassis intertwine with rich blackberry fruit and hints of vanilla and spice from the integrated French oak. Densely layered ripe tannins add to the opulent finish.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 44% Cabernet Sauvignon, 44% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc

winery : Jordan Wine Estate

winemaker : Gary & Kathy Jordan

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis: alc : 13.5 % vol rs : 1.6 g/l pH : 3.66 ta : 6.1 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **body :** Full **taste :** Fragrant **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 0 **closure :** Cork

ageing : Well-structured, this wine will reward careful cellaring for many years to come.

in the vineyard : Spectacular panoramic views of Stellenbosch and Cape Town, cool hillside vineyards planted to classic varieties, and a modern family-run winery have combined to produce distinctive wines displaying the ripe concentrated fruity accessibility of the New World, with the complex elegance of classic wine. The Philosophy behind the Sophia was to produce a benchmark red blend, classic yet with a new world twist to rival some of the best of Bordeaux.

A blend of the best "Cobblers Hill" barrels and a reserve Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine has been named "Sophia" after the legendary mother of Faith, Hope and Charity. Representing the characteristics of the three Bordeaux varieties that makes up this exceptional wine, the Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grapes were harvested from the hillside vineyards at Jordan with views overlooking Table Mountain and False Bay.

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in the cellar : Fermented at 28° C with three pump-overs daily over the fermenting cap. After pressing, the wine was racked to barrel where it completed malolactic fermentation. The wine spent a total of 26 months in 225-litre French oak barrels to integrate the rich tannins and add complexity.

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