

# JORDAN

## STELLENBOSCH



Sophia 2013

### BACKGROUND

*Sophia, meaning wisdom in Greek, is presented with an owl on her shoulder, symbolising wisdom. In her right hand she holds a laurel wreath, the symbol of peace and success. Her three daughters, the Saints Faith, Hope and Charity or Love - Pistis, Elpis and Agape - are symbolised by the sun, moon and earth, representing the characteristics of the three classic Bordeaux varieties that make up this exceptional wine.*

### LOCATION & CLIMATE

The distinct ravine which embodies Stellenbosch Kloof harnesses all the qualities of a well-orientated compass. Varying elevations and aspects allows us to grow a selection of classic varieties to specific sites that optimise this expression through their location. The cooler south- and east-facing aspects, unique in Stellenbosch, hosts the more sensitive and aromatic white-skinned grape varieties.

Stellenbosch Kloof enjoys a cooler Mediterranean climate with maritime influences from False Bay, 14km to the south, and a refreshing breeze channelled from the West Coast's Benguela current 24km to the north-west. These two breezes culminate at the top end of the ravine and bring in early morning mists, especially from False Bay. Consequently, temperatures in our meso-climate can be measured at least 3° Celsius cooler than inland Stellenbosch during ripening periods. This adds a unique characteristic to Jordan wines.

### APPELLATION

Wine of Origin Stellenbosch.

### SOIL

Decomposed granite (Hutton and Glenrosa soil form).

### AGE OF VINES

27 years old.

### ASPECT

The Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot grapes were harvested from the hillside vineyards at Jordan with views overlooking Table Mountain and False Bay.

### BLEND

50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 38% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc

### ANALYSIS

**Alc:** 14%

**Total Acid:** 5.8g/l

**pH:** 3.56

**Residual Sugar:** 2.4g/l

### TASTING NOTES

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

### WINEMAKING & MATURATION

Our philosophy with the Sophia is the creation of an old-vine, iconic blend with concentrated fruit and the perfect structure for aging for 24 months in French oak barriques. Cabernet Sauvignon (Faith), Cabernet Franc (Hope) and Merlot (Charity) are skilfully blended to produce this exceptional wine. The unique soils and aspects of our elevated estate vineyards as well as meticulous winemaking ensure that this wine will reward generously with careful cellaring.

### ACCOLADES

2013 - 93 points Tim Atkin

2013 - 92 points Neal Martin