## '12

## AXIOS NAPA VALLEY

## WORTHY Sophia's Cuvée

Worthy "Sophia's Cuvée" is a family tribute to the Kalaris' only daughter. Crafted from barrels of our super-premium Axios Cabernet Sauvignon, it is designed for immediate enjoyment yet has great structure, allowing for long term aging. Worthy - from the Greek word "Axios", enjoyed overnight success when this superior Cabernet Sauvignon blend stormed into the market with the 2001 vintage, instantly making it's way onto the The Wine Spectator's "Top 100" list. Over the years, Worthy has achieved cult status as a valued luxury brand among connoisseurs world wide.



Appellation: Napa Valley
Composition: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Cabernet Franc, 5% Petite Verdot
Cooperage/aging: 60 gallon French oak barrels
(50% new) for 20 months
Alcohol: 13.7%
Total Production: 10,800 cases
Winemaker: Robert Egelhoff

The 2012 Worthy Sophia's Cuvee is rich garnet in color. Brilliant notes of red and black berries leap from the glass with a hint pencil lead. Smooth, sweet tannins frame the unctuous mouthfeel, dazzling with a balance of rich complexity and fresh acidity. Blackberry flavors intermingled with ripe cherry dance in the mouth, while layers of dark chocolate, bittersweet cocoa, cassis, earthy minerality, a touch of sweet spice and the suggestion of cedar linger through an endless finish.

Harvest Report: 2012 was a classic vintage from start to finish. Textbook conditions saw ideal bud break, steady flowering, even fruit set and a lengthy growing season with warm days and cool, often foggy nights throughout the long summer months. Late rainfall arrived after the treasured Napa Valley grapes reached optimal ripeness, bringing exceptional quality fruit into the winery.