

Sadie Family Columella Red Blend

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: South Africa

REGION: Western Cape

APPELLATION: Western Cape

WINEMAKING: Hand-sorted berries, wild ferment, basket press, 24-month aging

AGING: 12 months in barrel (5% new), 12 months in large foudre

THE STORY

Eben Sadie is a visionary force in South African wine, known for elevating the Swartland region through his uncompromising focus on site-specific, old-vine expressions. He's led a movement away from regional blending toward vineyard-driven authenticity. His Signature Series—Columella and Palladius—are celebrated blends sourced from meticulously farmed, low-intervention sites. These wines should not only be thought of as top South African bottlings, but some of the great wines of the world.

PHILOSOPHY: We now farm 51 hectares, of which 24 hectares are in production from our own vineyards, and an additional 27 hectares are being rented but worked by our team. Soil health, low intervention farming, and preserving South Africa's viticultural heritage are paramount.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Rhône blend with freshness & long aging potential

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Bright florals, violets, red berries, oriental spice, earthy notes

MOUTHFEEL: Layered and compact, with fine tannins and precise acidity

THE SELLING POINTS

RSA's iconic Rhône blend, structured, ageworthy, elegant

PAIRINGS: Perfect with lamb tagine, mushroom dishes, charcuterie, or roast duck

