

# Sadie Family Rotsbank



## THE FACTS

**COUNTRY:** South Africa

**REGION:** Western Cape

**APPELLATION:** Western Cape

**CEPAGE:** 100% Chenin Blanc

**WINEMAKING:** Whole bunch press, native ferment in foudre, aged on lees

**ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:** 13.0%

**AGING:** 12 months on lees in old foudre, bottled unfiltered

## 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:** Focused & tightly wound Chenin with acidity/serious depth

**AROMAS / FLAVORS:** Crushed oyster shell, struck flint, grapefruit zest, chalk, sea air

**MOUTHFEEL:** Sharp, mineral, driven by bright acid and steely precision

## THE SELLING POINTS

Tense, linear, "blue steel" Chenin from granite soils

**PAIRINGS:** Pairs with oysters, sashimi, goat cheese, lemon sole, or salt-baked fish

