

Sadie Family Soldaat

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: South Africa

REGION: Western Cape

APPELLATION: Western Cape

CEPAGE: 100% Grenache

WINEMAKING: 60% whole cluster in concrete; aged 12 months in concrete on lees

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.0%

AGING: 8 months in concrete on lees, then 4 more months to clarify

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: Silky, expressive Grenache with tension, freshness

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Strawberry, cherry, pomegranate, dry earth, floral spice, red fruit

MOUTHFEEL: Medium-bodied, finely textured tannins w/ bright, juicy lift

THE SELLING POINTS

Old-vine Grenache from Piekenierskloof with elegance

AWARDS: 97pts James Suckling

PAIRINGS: Pair with roast duck, spiced lentils, grilled eggplant, or mushroom risotto

