

Sadie Family Treinspoor

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: South Africa

REGION: Western Cape

APPELLATION: Western Cape

CEPAGE: 100% Tinta Borroca

WINEMAKING: 50% whole cluster, gentle bucket overs, aged in old wood, unfiltered

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 13.0%

AGING: 11 months in 28-year-old conical casks, 1 month in concrete

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: Structured, dark-fruited red w/ purity, texture & aging grip

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Blueberry, dark plum, graphite, dried herbs, spice, crushed stone

MOUTHFEEL: Dense yet refined with firm, smooth tannins and layered text

THE SELLING POINTS

Powerful old-vine Tinta Barocca. Polished & structured

AWARDS: 95pts Tim Atkin

PAIRINGS: Ideal with grilled lamb, venison, mushroom ragu, or black bean stew

