

SADIE FAMILY WINES POFADDER



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From Sadie's Old Vine Series: 8 old vine parcels that are bottled individually from some of the oldest and most historic vineyards in South Africa. From the Riebeeksrivier, Swartland, South Africa. The soil in the vineyard is iron rich slate formations and decompositions thereof. The grapes are harvested by hand. 50% destemmed, 50% whole cluster. Fermentation in concrete tanks for about 30 days on the skins, after which the grapes are pressed in an old basket press. Aged in 28-year-old conical wooden casks that do not impart any wooden flavors and make for a very slow reaction of the resultant wine with oxygen. The wine is left on the lees for 11 months and then racked to another concrete tank for an additional month to settle clean.

Sadie Family Wines was founded by Eben Sadie in 1999, with the initial vintage release in 2000. Following a period as a surfer, in his youth Eben travelled and worked the world's wine regions (including Germany, Austria, Oregon, California, France & Spain). Today Eben is considered one of the great preservationists and visionaries in the new generation of South African winemakers. He takes incredible care in the vineyards and everything is done by gravity and hand. Concrete and wooden open fermenters are used. The wines are matured in large, old foudres and or concrete casks with minimal intervention. The goal is to allow the wines show their truest character and sense of place. As Eben says 'It's a very pure way of producing the wine'.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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