

# SADIE FAMILY WINES SKURFBERG



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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. The Skurfberg Mountain is part of the Citrusdal mountain area (Swartland, Sought Africa) and the word *Skurfberg* (Rugged Mountain) refers to the edgy and rough appearance of the mountain. The soil is mainly decomposed Table Mountain sandstone formations and tends to be very sandy. The grapes are picked in small crates and then placed in a cooling room. The cooling process is followed by whole bunch pressing. The juice is then transferred to two older *foudres* where it is left undisturbed until natural fermentation starts, which can take up to 10 or more days to initiate and can last anything from 1 to 6 months, sometimes only finishing during the next spring, by which time the malolactic fermentation would often have come to completion as well. Aged in cask on the fermentation lees for 12 months; bottled on the lees.

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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