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Skerpioen 2025
The Sadie Family Wines - 75 cl.



Skerpioen (Scorpion) is a wine from a very unique location halfway between Dwarskersbos and Elands Bay on the West Coast. One of the most amazing aspects of this location is the fact that the soils are chalky (limestone). In addition to that it is one of the coolest parts of the Swartland region, located a mere 2km from the Atlantic Ocean, but it is also a very dry area with an average rainfall of around 300mm per year. This location is home to some of the most intense south-easterly winds and the old vines look almost abused after having been battered by winds and blowing sand for years and years.

Wine style:
Atlantic, powerful and mineral

Assembly
Chenin Blanc, Palomino

Region:
Westkaap

Wine estate:
The Sadie Family Wines

Biological

Vinification
After harvesting the grapes are placed in a cooling room to reduce the temperature, since the average temperatures are often 35 degrees or more – and pressing warm grapes comes with its own series of problems. We then do whole bunch pressing, a process that takes about 3 hours during which time there is a margin of settling of the juice in the collecting tank. The juice is then transferred to two old foudres for fermentation. The natural fermentation can sometimes take up to 5 days or more to start. The fermentation may continue from 1 to 6 months and sometimes it only finishes in the following spring, by which time the malolactic fermentation would often have come to completion as well. The wine is left in cask on the fermentation lees for the entire first 12 months and we bottle from the lees.

Storage potential
Drink as from : 2026
Best moment : 2030-2032
Until : 2036

Trial analysis
The 2025 Skerpioen shows aromas of lemon zest and honeysuckle that flow beautifully into the vineyard's characteristic saline qualities. This vintage is extremely linear and focused, with a slightly more restrained style that highlights finesse above all. A wine that pairs beautifully with oysters.

Description domain

After having worked for several years in the Priorat and having founded Terroir al Limit there, Eben Sadie returned to his South African roots. As he said himself: "Winemakers have to make wine in the region where they were born. This is where they know best the terroir".