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Columella 2024
The Sadie Family Wines - 75 cl.



In South Africa like in Spain, Terroir is a relatively new concept. The oenologist of the Spanish estates we work with played a pioneering role in understanding its value. The same for Eben Sadie and its family in South Africa. Columella is the flagship of this small company. Its production is very limited, but the quality is very high.

Vinification
Hand-picked in small baskets; natural yeast, fermentation in open 3,000 litre concrete tanks, for 3 weeks. 3 weeks maceration, without anything added. Malolactic fermentation in oak barrels (5% new oak). 12 months of ageing in French oak barrels, then one more year in big foudres, on the lees. Then, after 2 years, the wine is bottled, without any filtration or clarification.

Storage potential
Drink as from: 2027
Best moment: 2034-2036
Until: 2042

To serve
Decant 2 hours before serving in a large glass.

Trial analysis
The 2024 Columella displays the customary Mediterranean spicy herbal aromas for which the wine is known, accompanied by peppery notes and floral violet accents. Aromas of fresh red fruit, mulberry, graphite and dried figs add further complexity. On the palate, the wine shows firm, chalky tannins. According to the estate, this vintage captures some of the most refined and complex tannins ever achieved in Columella. Over the past eight years, the focus has been strongly directed towards tannin quality and mouthfeel, with extensive work on post-fermentation extraction and the ideal timing of pressing.

Wine style:
Mediterranean, elegant gourmet wine

Assembly
Cariñena, Cinsault, Garnacha, Mourvèdre, Pinotage, Syrah, Tinta Barocca

Region:
Westkaap

Wine estate:
The Sadie Family Wines

Biological

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".