

Sadie Family

Sadie Family Mev. Kirsten 2023 is a monumental expression of Chenin Blanc, crafted from one of South Africa's oldest vineyards, delivering extraordinary depth and balance.

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Old Vine Series Mev. Kirsten Chenin Blanc 2023

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Mev. Kirsten Chenin Blanc is sourced from a **historic vineyard in Stellenbosch's Jonkershoek Valley**, planted on **decomposed granite over an alluvial base**. This unique terroir, combined with vines aged over 100 years, yields grapes of exceptional concentration and character.

The vineyard is meticulously managed with a focus on soil health and interplanting to sustain its longevity. Younger vines ripen approximately **two weeks earlier** than the older ones, requiring separate vinification before eventual blending. The **low yield of 25 hectoliters per hectare** ensures intense flavor development.

Winemaking

The vinification process begins with **whole-bunch pressing**, where juice from younger vines is fermented in **500-liter old oak casks** and juice from older vines in a **large foudre**. After pressing, the juice undergoes a **12-hour settling period** to remove impurities and ensure a clean fermentation process.

The wine is aged on its **fermentation lees for 12 months**, maintaining texture and freshness. Before bottling, the wine is blended and lightly treated with **50 mg/L of sulfur**, preserving its purity. It is bottled without filtration, emphasizing its natural clarity and authenticity.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright golden yellow with a shimmering clarity.
- **Aroma:** Lime and citrus dominate, complemented by hints of melba toast, pear skin, and green apple pulp, with a fresh and inviting profile.
- **Palate:** Voluminous and textured, with beaming acidity and a linear finish. Layers of citrus and orchard fruits unfold gracefully, supported by a substantial weight and viscosity.

Alcohol :14,15 %

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc



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Did you know?

Mev. Kirsten is one of the **oldest Chenin Blanc vineyards in South Africa**, and its name honors the **matriarch of the farm**. The vineyard's resilience and Sadie Family's dedication have turned it into a symbol of South African viticulture's heritage and excellence.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Lobster Thermidor:** The wine's weight and citrusy acidity balance the richness of the lobster and creamy sauce.
- **Pan-seared trout with almond butter:** The nutty and citrus flavors complement the wine's complexity and freshness.
- **Chicken tagine with preserved lemons:** The acidity and texture align beautifully with the dish's zesty and aromatic profile.
- **Aged Gruyère cheese:** The wine's viscosity and freshness enhance the nutty, savory character of the cheese.



Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2023)

Chenin Blanc vines for this wine were planted in 1905, so the winery believes, although the records are not totally clear. The site has decomposed granite over alluvial soils and quartz. These conditions add to the textural volume of The Sadie Family's 2023 Stellenbosch Old Vine Series Mev. Kirsten and its beautiful sense of phenolic richness. The bouquet is crisp and bright with crunchy fruit, pithy apple, pear and tart pomelo fruit that adds lasting freshness. The mouthfeel proceeds with silky viscosity and complexity that can only be achieved with old-vine fruit. However, the wine also manages impressive vertical lift and tension. Like the other white wines in this series, aging takes place for 12 months in old foudre. Given the growing conditions at a moderate 185 meters above sea level, the Mev. Kirsten carries the most fruit weight in this series of Chenin Blancs (or Steen) from different denominations.



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Full, fresh and lively in the glass, the 2022 Old Vine Series Mev Kirsten bursts with incredible freshness wrapped in finesse and seductive notes of dusty citrus blossoms. Medium-bodied, the mouthfeel offers considerable weight, a delightful nutty essence and a kiss of phenolic bitterness that gradually glides to a soft, leesy expression. The Mev Kirsten has a certain gravitas that weighs on the palate and hangs through the long, lingering, food-friendly finish. It's mind-bogglingly delicious and has my head spinning for more. Only 4,500 bottles were produced from whole-bunch-pressed, old-vine Chenin Blanc that rested in old foudre.

