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Sadie Family Skurfberg is a powerful and textured Chenin Blanc, born from ancient bush vines in the rugged Citrusdal Mountain region, embodying both precision and longevity.

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Old Vine Series Skurfberg White 2024

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

Skurfberg is sourced from the **rugged Citrusdal Mountain**, an area named for its rough, edgy terrain, with soils primarily composed of **decomposed Table Mountain sandstone formations**. This vineyard is **dry-farmed** and features **ancient bush vines**, which are perfectly adapted to the warm and dry conditions of the region.

Despite the arid climate, the vineyard produces wines with exceptional texture and freshness. The **low yield of 23 hectoliters per hectare** ensures concentrated and high-quality fruit, with the vines thriving at an elevation that balances ripeness and acidity.

Winemaking

The grapes are harvested in **small 20kg crates** and immediately placed in a cooling room to stabilize their temperature, a crucial step in the Swartland's often extreme harvest conditions. The fruit undergoes **whole-bunch pressing**, a gentle process that lasts about three hours, allowing for a natural settling of the juice.

The juice is then transferred to **old oak foudres**, where it undergoes a **natural fermentation** that can span from 1 to 6 months, often completing malolactic fermentation simultaneously. The wine is aged on its **fermentation lees for 12 months**, adding depth and complexity, and is bottled directly from the casks with minimal intervention, preserving its purity.

Tasting Notes

- Color:** Pale gold with a radiant clarity.
- Aroma:** Distinctive notes of Granny Smith apple, pear skin, and lanolin, complemented by a hint of citrus zest and mineral undertones.
- Palate:** Textured and voluminous, with a rich viscosity balanced by cutting acidity. The wine offers layers of orchard fruit, herbal nuances, and a saline finish, suggesting exceptional aging potential.

Alcohol :14,10 %

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc



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Did you know?

The name **Skurfberg**, meaning "Rugged Mountain," refers to the harsh yet stunning terrain where this vineyard thrives. Despite the warm, dry conditions, the vineyard produces Chenin Blanc with remarkable freshness and longevity, a true testament to the unique terroir.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast chicken with lemon and thyme:** The wine's acidity and texture complement the savory and citrus notes of the dish.
- **Grilled lobster with garlic butter:** Its richness and salinity enhance the sweetness and depth of the lobster.
- **Butternut squash soup with sage:** The wine's orchard fruit and herbal nuances align beautifully with the creamy, earthy flavors.
- **Aged Manchego cheese:** The wine's acidity and lanolin notes balance the nutty and savory character of the cheese.

Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)



Coming from the most northerly aspect of the range, the 2022 Old Vine Series Skurfberg opens with a waxy nose and notions of dusty yellow apple and Meyer lemon with white melon. Medium-bodied and with 13% alcohol, the palate reveals a fine mineral tension with a delightful kiss of sea spray before displaying a classic, food-friendly phenolic bitterness. The wine glides into a long, lingering and subtly spiced finish. Only 4,200 bottles were produced.

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2018)



The 2018 Skurfberg, Sadie's Chenin Blanc from Olifantsrivier, has a very neutral, pressed flower bouquet that is much more backward than the other crus. The well-balanced palate presents veins of marmalade and orange peel, wonderful tension and superb precision on the finish. Though backward at the moment, this will certainly repay cellaring. (11/2019)



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