



Sadie Family

Sadie Family Old Vine Series Pofadder Red 2022 is a pure expression of Cinsaut, a historically significant grape in South African winemaking, grown in the Riebeeksrivier region of the Swartland. This wine reflects both the finesse and the textural complexity that define the Old Vine Series.

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Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Pofadder vineyard**, located in the **Riebeeksrivier** area of the **Swartland**, is planted on **iron-rich slate soils** that contribute to the wine's distinct mineral character and vibrant structure. These decomposed slate formations provide excellent drainage and force the vines to dig deep, resulting in concentrated and expressive fruit.

The Swartland region, known for its dry, warm climate and unique terroirs, provides the perfect setting for **Cinsaut**, a grape variety well-adapted to these conditions. The old bush vines, cultivated with care, produce low yields of just **28 hl/ha**, ensuring high-quality fruit with a remarkable balance of ripeness and acidity.

Winemaking

The winemaking process for **Pofadder 2022** reflects a respect for tradition and precision. The grapes were harvested by hand and vinified with **50% whole clusters** to preserve structure and aromatics, while the remaining **50% were destemmed** to encourage the release of juice for fermentation initiation. The fermentation process lasted approximately **30 days**, with gentle extraction methods used to maintain the finesse and elegance of the wine.

After fermentation, the wine was gently pressed using an **old basket press** and transferred to **28-year-old conical wooden casks** for **11 months of aging**. These neutral vessels ensure minimal influence of wood on the wine, allowing its natural fruit and earthy characteristics to shine. The wine was then racked into concrete tanks for an additional month of settling before bottling, with a minimal addition of **60 mg/L of sulfur** to preserve purity and freshness.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Cinsault



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Vibrant ruby red with a clear brilliance.
- **Aroma:** Pure and delicate red fruit, such as cherry and raspberry, interwoven with soft oriental spices and hints of earthy complexity.
- **Palate:** A linear and elegant profile with vibrant red fruit flavors, a subtle earthy backbone, and smooth, fine-grained tannins. The finish is long, structured, and suggests great aging potential.

Did You Know?

Cinsaut, also known as **Hermityk** in South Africa, was once the backbone of many classic Cape blends in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Its large berries and surprising tannic depth make it an enigma among red varieties, producing wines with both finesse and structure.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Coq au Vin:** Complements the earthy and spicy elements of the wine while softening its tannins.
- **Grilled Duck Breast with Cherry Reduction:** Enhances the wine's delicate red fruit profile and balances its structure.
- **Beef Carpaccio with Truffle Oil:** Highlights the wine's finesse and earthy complexity.
- **Mature Brie:** The creamy texture of the cheese pairs well with the wine's acidity and tannic grip.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)

Red-fruited and softly spicy, the 2022 Old Vine Series Pofadder offers ample floral expressions with crunchy red fruit aromas that display a pure and fresh expression of Cinsaut. Medium to full-bodied and with 14% alcohol, the palate is fresh and mineral driven before a firm tannic grip clamps down, telling me it's much too young right now. With a fine acid backbone, this beauty will continue to shine with elegance and finesse for more than a decade. It's immensely pleasurable and has me craving duck breast. Only 5,000 bottles were produced from 50% whole-cluster Cinsaut. Speaking with Eben Sadie, he believes it's their best Cinsaut since 2012.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 96 Points (2018)

The 2018 Pofadder in Eben Sadie's Cinsaut from Swartland. This is complex and intellectual, yet utterly compelling, with beautifully detailed brambly red berry fruit, fennel, thyme and fynbos scents that blossom with aeration. The very detailed palate displays filigreed tannins, incredible focus and arresting purity through to the lightly spiced finish. This is one of the best from Sadie this vintage. (11/2019)



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Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2018)

Elegant, with white peach, heather and lemon verbena flavors at the core, framed by savory herbal details and salty notes. Stylistically precise and focused, this features a stunning structure that needs a bit more time, but there is no doubt that this will develop beautifully. (AZ) (12/2019)

