



# Sadie Family

Sadie Family Old Vine Series Soldaat Red 2022 is a pure Grenache crafted from the high-altitude slopes of the Citrusdal Mountain in the Piekenierskloof, showcasing the grape's ability to translate terroir into liquid elegance.

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Swartland, South Africa

### Region and Vineyards

The **Soldaat vineyard** is located in the **Piekenierskloof** area of the **Citrusdal Mountain**, an elevated and remote site that experiences cooler temperatures due to its altitude. This climate ensures a slower ripening process, allowing the grapes to develop concentrated flavors while retaining vibrant acidity.

The vineyard's soils consist of **decomposed Table Mountain sandstone**, which provides excellent drainage and a unique mineral profile that enhances the wine's complexity. With a yield of only **22 hl/ha**, the old bush vines focus their energy into producing high-quality fruit that reflects the rugged environment and the purity of the terroir.

### Winemaking

The vinification process of **Soldaat 2022** is tailored to preserve the Grenache grape's natural transparency and fruit purity. The fermentation begins with **60% whole-cluster grapes** in concrete tanks, while the remaining **40% are destemmed**, providing enough juice to initiate fermentation naturally. The fermentation lasts for **30 days**, with gentle skin contact to ensure an elegant extraction of tannins and flavors.

After pressing the grapes in an **old basket press**, the wine is aged entirely in **33-hectoliter concrete tanks** for **12 months**. This includes **8 months on the lees**, followed by racking into another tank for an additional 4 months of natural settling. The concrete aging method preserves the wine's bright fruit character and minerality without imparting any oak influence. A minimal addition of **60 mg/L sulfur** is made before bottling to maintain freshness and stability.

Alcohol :13,00 %

Composition: 100% Grenache



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright red with slightly darker tones compared to previous vintages, showing vibrancy and clarity.
- **Aroma:** Fresh and expressive red fruit aromas of **strawberry, cherry, and pomegranate**, with underlying earthy and mineral notes.
- **Palate:** A balance of bright red fruit flavors, earthy complexity, and soft, fine-grained tannins. The wine's fresh acidity and refined structure promise excellent aging potential while offering immediate drinkability.

## Did You Know?

The name **Soldaat**, meaning "soldier" in Afrikaans, reflects the resilience of the old bush vines growing on the rugged, mountainous terrain of the Piekenierskloof. Grenache, often overlooked historically in South Africa, is experiencing a renaissance, with Soldaat standing as one of the finest examples of its potential.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-Crusted Lamb Chops:** Complements the wine's earthy notes and vibrant red fruit.
- **Tomato-Based Pasta Dishes:** Enhances the freshness and acidity of both the wine and the dish.
- **Charcuterie Board with Soft Cheeses:** Balances the wine's fruit-forward profile with creamy and savory flavors.
- **Grilled Vegetable Ratatouille:** Pairs beautifully with the wine's bright acidity and subtle spice.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2022)

*Bursting with a bright, fresh nose with crunchy red fruit aromas, the 2022 Old Vine Series Soldaat displays impeccable balance and crystalline purity from a challenging vintage. Medium-bodied and with lively acidity and delicate mineral tension, the Grenache bursts with bright red fruit flavors, even though it spent less time on the skins and clocks in with some of the lowest alcohol for the bottling. Only 6,800 bottles were filled with 50% whole-cluster Grenache. Bravo, I want more!*

