

Sadie Family

Sadie Family Old Vine Series Skerpioen White 2022 is a rare and exceptional blend of Chenin Blanc and Palomino , grown in one of South Africa's most unique coastal terroirs, combining salinity , vibrant acidity , and profound minerality .

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Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Skerpioen vineyard**, located between **Dwarskersbos** and **Elands Bay** on South Africa's rugged West Coast, is among the country's most distinctive viticultural sites. The vineyard lies just **2 km from the Atlantic Ocean**, where strong coastal winds and cool sea breezes temper the otherwise arid climate. With an annual rainfall of only **300 mm**, this site is one of the driest in the **Swartland**.

The vineyard is characterized by its **chalky limestone soils** topped with sand, imparting a unique salinity and minerality to the wine. These soils, with an unusually high pH of **up to 9**, are rare in South Africa and highly prized for their ability to produce grapes of exceptional character. The **old bush vines**, many over 60 years old, endure extreme conditions, including fierce winds and shifting sands, resulting in low-yielding, highly concentrated fruit.

Winemaking

The **Chenin Blanc** and **Palomino** grapes for **Skerpioen 2022** were hand-harvested at optimal ripeness to preserve their vibrant acidity and distinctive aromatics. After harvesting, the grapes were cooled to counteract the high ambient temperatures, often exceeding **35°C** during the harvest period. A **gentle whole-bunch pressing** was employed over three hours to extract the purest juice with minimal phenolic influence.

The juice underwent natural fermentation in **neutral acacia and oak foudres**, a process that started slowly, sometimes taking up to five days to initiate. Fermentation progressed gradually, often lasting up to **six months**, with occasional completion in the following spring. The wine was aged on its lees for **12 months**, which contributed to its textural complexity and depth. Bottling was carried out directly from the lees with minimal sulphur addition, preserving the wine's purity and vibrant character.

Alcohol :13,40 %

Composition: 50% Chenin Blanc, 50% Palomino Fino

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Pale straw with bright, crystalline highlights.
- **Aroma**: Fresh citrus and lime, with notes of **chamomile** and a distinctive saline undertone.
- **Palate**: Crisp and mineral-driven, with flavors of citrus zest, green apple, and subtle herbal nuances. The finish is long, saline, and refreshing, showcasing the unique maritime terroir of the vineyard.

Did You Know?

The **Skerpioen vineyard**, named after the Afrikaans word for "scorpion," highlights the harsh environment these vines thrive in. Its chalky soils and proximity to the ocean create a rare saline quality often compared to some of the world's best coastal vineyards, such as those in **Chablis** or **Santorini**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Fresh Oysters with Lemon**: The wine's saline notes enhance the briny freshness of oysters.
- **Grilled Lobster with Herb Butter**: Complements the richness of lobster and highlights the wine's minerality.
- **Goat Cheese Tart**: Pairs beautifully with the wine's vibrant acidity and herbal complexity.
- **Ceviche with Lime and Chili**: The citrus flavors and refreshing acidity of the wine balance the dish's brightness and spice.



Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2022)

Made from Chenin Blanc and Palomino, the 2022 Old Vine Series Skerpioen displays aromas of wax melon with hints of sea spray and lemon skin before offering a dusty floral essence. Medium-bodied and with excellent mineral tension, the palate bursts to life with energetic acidity, showing layers of freshness and complexity before ending with a lively, food-friendly finish. Only 7,400 bottles were produced of this gorgeous wine.