David & Nadia

A beautifully expressive Grenache, it offers refinement over power , showcasing subtle florals, fine tannins, and remarkable freshness.

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Wine of origin Swartland

Grenache Noir 2024

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The Swartland, situated north of Cape Town, has established itself as one of South Africa's most dynamic wine regions. Its Mediterranean climate, marked by warm, dry summers and cooling ocean breezes from the Atlantic, provides ideal conditions for Grenache. The area's soils are remarkably diverse, with the **granite-derived decomposed soils** of the Paardeberg and the **iron-rich soils** of Malmesbury particularly well suited to Grenache's resilience and character.

David & Nadia source this wine from a collection of **dry-farmed, old bush-vine Grenache parcels** across Swartland. These vineyards, many of which were planted decades ago, reflect the estate's philosophy of preserving heritage vines and working in harmony with nature. Low yields and careful farming ensure concentration without sacrificing elegance, producing fruit that mirrors the rugged yet balanced landscape of Swartland.

Winemaking

The wine is made from **100% Grenache Noir**, harvested from multiple sites to capture complexity. The fruit is sorted meticulously in the vineyard, then fermented with a significant proportion of **whole bunches**, encouraging aromatic lift and subtle spice. Indigenous yeasts guide the fermentation, reflecting the producer's commitment to **minimal intervention** winemaking.

After fermentation, the wine is matured for approximately **12 months in old French oak barrels** of various sizes. The use of neutral oak preserves the wine's **bright fruit profile and delicate structure**, rather than imposing strong wood influence. No additives are used beyond minimal sulphur, underscoring David & Nadia's philosophy of purity and transparency in their wines.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Grenache

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Medium ruby with translucent brightness, showing Grenache's hallmark clarity.
- **Aroma**: Red cherry, wild strawberry, and raspberry interlace with subtle notes of dried herbs, white pepper, and rose petals. Hints of earthy minerality and citrus peel add depth.
- **Palate**: Light to medium-bodied, with a silken texture and finely etched tannins. Flavors of juicy red fruit are lifted by a vibrant acidity, while a mineral backbone and gentle spice provide length and precision.

Did you know?

David and Nadia Sadie are part of the **Swartland Independent Producers**, a collective dedicated to championing authentic, terroir-driven wines. Their Grenache program has been widely credited with **raising the profile of Grenache in South Africa**, positioning it alongside Syrah and Chenin Blanc as one of the Cape's most exciting varietal expressions.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-crusted lamb chops** - the wine's fine tannins and red fruit complement the savory richness of lamb.
- **Chargrilled vegetables with rosemary** - the herbal notes in the Grenache echo the dish's flavors while the acidity refreshes the palate.
- **Duck breast with cranberry glaze** - the wine's bright cherry and berry profile enhances the sweet-savory interplay of the dish.
- **Mature goat's cheese** - the wine's freshness and gentle spice balance the richness of the cheese.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2022)

Beginning with a floral and red-fruited nose, the 2022 Grenache Noir offers notes of raspberry and dusty plum with a delightful floral lift from whole cluster. Medium-bodied, the palate is succulent and fresh, offering a lingering tannic edge before a soft herbal flavor creeps into the long, red-fruited finish. There's a touch of reduction on the aftertaste. Enjoy with food.

94 vinous

Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2021)

The 2021 Grenache Noir comes from five vineyards with younger vines than the Chenin, mainly planted in the early 2000s that oblige two green harvests. Sixty percent is fermented and matured in concrete and using 60% whole bunch. The bouquet is very well defined and transparent; red cherries intermingle with raspberry and slate-like scents. The palate is well-balanced with fine tannins and superb acidity. Fine, bitter cherry notes towards the finish fan out wonderfull; this is a top-notch Grenache.

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James Suckling (JS) : 94 Points (2021)

A lovely nose of sliced strawberries, grated nutmeg, rose petal and baked raspberries. Medium-bodied with silky tannins. Fresh with lovely berry character. Sturdy and bright. Herbal and floral complexity with a long, textural finish.

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