

David & Nadia

With its restrained alcohol and minimal intervention philosophy, David & Nadia Grenache reflects the modern face of South African Grenache, crafted with precision and care.





Alcohol:13,50%

Composition: 100% Grenache

Grenache 2021

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The **Swartland region**, located north of Cape Town, is renowned for its dry climate, rugged terrain, and exceptional old-vine vineyards. David & Nadia's focus on **dry-farmed bush vines** and organic farming brings forth the region's true essence while showcasing the unique characteristics of Grenache noir.

This wine is crafted from **five vineyard sites**, each contributing to its complexity:

- Paardeberg vineyards: Granitic soils planted in the early 2000s provide freshness and aromatic finesse, while newer vineyards on Langkloof's slopes add minerality.
- **Kasteelberg vineyard**: Situated on schist soils, this vineyard, planted in **2016**, offers structure and depth.
- **Northern Malmesbury**: A longstanding vineyard, worked with since **2012**, contributes ripe fruit and richness to the final blend.

The diversity of soils – **granite and schist** – combined with Swartland's **dry-farmed conditions** produces Grenache grapes of **concentration and elegance**, ensuring a wine that balances power with purity.

Winemaking

David & Nadia adopt a **minimal intervention** philosophy to preserve the integrity of the fruit and the expression of terroir:

- The grapes are **hand-harvested** with **twelve separate pickings** to ensure optimal ripeness and balance.
- **60% whole-bunch fermentation** brings aromatic lift and refined tannins, with the juice spending **four weeks** on skins during and after fermentation for gentle extraction.
- The wine is aged for **12 months**, split between **old 500L French oak barrels** and a **2,700L concrete vessel**. The concrete (60% of the blend) enhances purity and texture, while oak maturation provides subtle depth and integration.

This careful process ensures the wine reflects its vineyard origins while maintaining vibrancy and finesse.







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Tasting Notes

- Color: Pale ruby red with brilliant clarity.
- Aroma: Delicate and perfumed, with notes of raspberry, red cherry, and cranberry, accented by subtle floral hints of violet and fresh herbal undertones.
- Palate: Light-bodied yet textured, showcasing vibrant red fruit with fine, polished tannins. The fresh acidity brings energy, while subtle earthy and mineral layers lead to an elegant, lingering finish.

Did You Know?

David & Nadia are part of the **Swartland Independent Producers**, a collective of winemakers dedicated to producing natural, terroir-driven wines that showcase the region's diversity and richness. Their focus on **old bush vines** and minimal extraction highlights the authenticity and finesse of Swartland Grenache.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled lamb chops with rosemary**: The vibrant red fruit and acidity balance the herbaceous and savory flavors of the lamb.
- **Roasted chicken with thyme and garlic**: The freshness and light tannic structure complement the tender texture and herbs.
- **Mushroom risotto**: The wine's earthy and mineral tones enhance the rich, umami flavors of the risotto.
- Charcuterie board with Manchego cheese: The acidity and red fruit balance the richness and saltiness of the cheese and cured meats.



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.



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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Wines & Spirits (W&S): 92 Points (2021)



A once-daily punch down limited extraction in this wine and produced a beautifully light grenache, the herbal cherry flavors filling out its open, welcoming frame. It shows some earthy detail through the middle, but remains sweetly soft and invitingly easy.



