



David & Nadia

A pure, mineral-driven white wine from Swartland's granitic soils, the 2021 Plat'bos Chenin Blanc reflects the philosophy of terroir-focused, low-intervention winemaking.



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Wine of origin Swartland



Plat'bos Chenin Blanc 2021

Swartland, South Africa

Region and Vineyards

The Plat'bos vineyard is located on **Paardebosch farm** in the Paardeberg area of the Swartland, South Africa—a region prized for its ancient granitic soils and dryland bush vines. This particular site lies next to the famed Skaliekop vineyard and is planted on **decomposed granite soils**, offering excellent drainage and contributing to the wine's pronounced mineral character.

Planted in **1981**, this north-facing site ripens early and consistently produces fruit of intense concentration and acidity. Since **2013**, David and Nadia Sadie have been farming Plat'bos with an emphasis on **biological viticulture**, minimizing chemical input and promoting biodiversity. It forms a cornerstone of their approach to expressing Swartland's white wine potential through old vine Chenin and is registered with South Africa's **Old Vine Project (OVP)**.

Winemaking

Winemaking follows the estate's **natural and minimal-intervention ethos**. Grapes were hand-harvested over **three picking dates** in early February to capture optimal ripeness and balance. All plots were vinified and aged **separately**, allowing full expression of the vineyard's nuance.

Fermentation was spontaneous, and the wine was aged on the lees without excessive stirring or intervention. With just **11.5% alcohol**, **2.4 g/L residual sugar**, and a pH of **3.23**, the wine is precise, taut, and refreshingly restrained. The **total SO₂ is modest (98 mg/L)**, underscoring the natural approach.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Pale straw yellow with a light golden hue.
- **Aroma:** Restrained and mineral, with subtle notes of citrus peel, crushed stones, white peach, and hints of fennel or hay.
- **Palate:** Linear and vibrant. A core of bright acidity carries flavors of lemon zest, green apple, and saline minerality. The texture is fine and chalky, with understated oak influence and a long, crystalline finish.

Alcohol :11,50 %

Composition: 100% Chenin Blanc



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Did you know?

Plat'bos is not only one of David & Nadia's oldest vineyard sites but also a vital contributor to several of their flagship white blends. It was among the first vineyards they began farming organically, and it represents the essence of their **granite-soil white wine identity**. Being part of the **Old Vine Project** means the vineyard is officially recognized for its historical and qualitative significance, promoting the value of old vines in South African wine.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled oysters with lemon and herbs:** Salinity and acidity mirror the wine's mineral profile.
- **Goat cheese tart with thyme and honey:** The richness of the cheese contrasts beautifully with the wine's tension and acidity.
- **Pan-seared trout with fennel and citrus:** Reflects the wine's herbal and citrus character.
- **Chicken tagine with preserved lemon:** A subtle dish that complements the wine's aromatics and freshness.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2021)

Bright and mineral with lime candy and lemon meringue aromas, the 2021 Plat'bos Chenin Blanc is illuminated with yellow apple essences in the glass. Medium to full-bodied, the wine is electric on the palate, showing an impressive 11% alcohol that sways with finesse and balance. The Chenin continues to grow in amplitude as it ends with a delicate mineral essence and electric energy that is food-friendly. Bravo!

