



# Sadie Family

Sadie Family Columella 2021 represents the pinnacle of Swartland winemaking, blending Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Carignan, Cinsaut, and Tinta Barocca. It showcases remarkable freshness, elegance, and aging potential, making it an icon in South African wine.

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## Columella 2021

Swartland, South Africa

### Region and Vineyards

**Columella 2021** is sourced from **10 vineyards** across the **Swartland**, including sites in **Paardeberg, Kasteelberg, Malmesbury, and Piquetberg**. These vineyards sit on diverse soils such as **granite, slate, gravel, and sandstone**, each contributing unique layers of minerality and complexity to the wine.

The region's Mediterranean climate, characterized by warm days and cooling breezes, creates optimal ripening conditions. The low-yielding vines, producing just **32 hl/ha**, deliver concentrated and expressive fruit, ensuring a wine that captures the essence of the Swartland's varied terroir.

### Winemaking

The **2021 vintage** of Columella was crafted with meticulous attention to detail. The grapes were harvested and hand-sorted into small cases to ensure only the best berries were used. Fermentation occurred naturally in **3,300-liter open concrete fermenters** over three weeks at a steady temperature of **24 °C**. A further **three weeks of post-fermentation maceration** allowed the tannins to integrate seamlessly.

Following fermentation, the wine was pressed in a **traditional basket press** and transferred to **French oak barrels** (5% new) for **12 months of aging on lees**, enhancing texture and depth. It was then racked into **large oval casks (foudres)** for an additional **12 months** of maturation, ensuring purity and finesse. The wine was bottled **unfined and unfiltered**, preserving its natural integrity and complexity.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 75% Syrah, 23%

Mourvèdre, 2% Grenache



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## Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with vivid brightness.
- **Aroma:** Bright red fruit aromas of **raspberry** and **cherry**, with hints of violets, herbal bush notes, and darker elements of **graphite**, **black olive**, and **cedarwood**.
- **Palate:** Fresh and vibrant, with layers of delicate red fruits, finely integrated tannins, and a seamless acidity. Earthy undertones and a mineral finish highlight the Swartland terroir, while the wine's structure promises excellent aging potential.

## Did You Know?

The name **Columella** pays homage to **Lucius Junius Moderatus Columella**, a Roman agriculturalist who emphasized harmony with nature. This philosophy aligns with Sadie Family's commitment to sustainable viticulture and expressing the unique character of Swartland's vineyards.

## Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised Lamb Shoulder with Thyme:** Complements the wine's depth and herbal complexity.
- **Duck Confit with Blackberry Reduction:** Enhances the vibrant red fruit and earthy undertones.
- **Roasted Beet and Goat Cheese Salad:** Pairs beautifully with the wine's freshness and acidity.
- **Hard Aged Cheddar:** The wine's tannins and minerality balance the richness of the cheese.



### Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2021)

*Composed of a blend of Syrah, Mourvèdre, Grenache, Carignan, Cinsault and Tinta Barocca, the 2021 Columella is instantly impressive, with firm layers of red fruit over a spicy core of oak that sways with notions of turned earth and a kiss of wild herbs. Medium to full-bodied and with about 14% alcohol, the palate is fresh and nimble while delivering more oak on the palate than the nose leads on. The palate has flavors of wild sage and black peppercorn with notes of baked clay and plum skin. Undoubtedly, it will age for decades, but don't be too hasty to open this right away.*



### James Suckling (JS) : 97 Points (2021)

*This is fragrant and polished with aromas of peach pits, sandalwood, cherry stones, hazelnuts and orange zest. Fabulously intense, building on the palate to a crescendo, slowly, with supple and very fine tannins giving an elegant structure to the fruit and spice. Elegant and immensely long. Syrah, mourvedre, carignan, cinsault, grenache and tinta barroca.*



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**Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 96 Points (2021)**

*The 2021 Columella is a blend of Rhône varieties, 30% Syrah, the lowest ever, with more Mourvèdre, plus Tinta Barocca, 50% whole clusters, spending 12 months in cask (10% new) and 12 months in old foudres, bottled with slightly higher CO2 due to less racking. It has a mixture of red and blueberry fruit, touches of aniseed coming through with time. There's very fine delineation. The medium-bodied palate has a gorgeous opening with blood orange, black pepper and ginger. It's sleek and less powerful than older vintages, yet it has far more elegance and precision. This is a long-term Columella. (NM)*

