

# Sadie Family

Sadie Family Palladius 2021 is an intricate white blend from 17 unique Swartland vineyards, showcasing the harmony of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Clairette Blanche, and other Mediterranean varieties. This wine epitomizes the Swartland's terroir with its stone fruit aromas, profound minerality, and rich texture.

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## Palladius 2021

Swartland, South Africa

### Region and Vineyards

**Palladius 2021** is sourced from **17 vineyards** across the **Swartland**, with sites in **Paardeberg** (14 vineyards), **Piketberg** (1 vineyard), and **St Helena Bay** (2 vineyards). These vineyards span a diverse range of **soils**, including **granite**, **Table Mountain sandstone**, and **chalk**, each contributing distinctive characteristics to the blend.

The Swartland's Mediterranean climate, characterized by warm days and cooling breezes, provides the perfect conditions for Mediterranean white varieties. The vines are meticulously farmed to produce low yields of just **29 hl/ha**, ensuring grapes with exceptional concentration and balance.

### Winemaking

The grapes for **Palladius 2021** were hand-harvested and brought to a cold room for sorting before gentle whole-bunch pressing. The pressing lasted **2-3 hours**, during which the juice settled naturally in the collecting tank. The turbid juice was transferred to **concrete eggs** of 725 liters and **clay amphoras** of 400 to 1,200 liters for fermentation. Fermentation occurred naturally, with each vineyard fermenting in its designated vessel, sometimes taking up to **18 months** to complete.

The wine was aged for **12 months** in these vessels before being racked into **large old foudres** for an additional **12 months**. This slow, natural process preserves the wine's integrity and allows its complexity to develop. The wine was bottled **unfined and unfiltered**, reflecting the purity of the fruit and the terroir.

### Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Bright and clear, with a youthful luminescence.
- **Aroma:** Early-picked stone fruits such as **peach** and **apricot**, with subtle citrus notes and deeper layers of **lanolin** and earthy nuances.
- **Palate:** Substantial and tightly structured, with coiled tannins and vibrant acidity. The palate reveals a saline minerality and a long, elegant finish, suggesting great aging potential.



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Alcohol :13,75 %

Composition: 35% Chenin Blanc,  
6% Marsanne, 6% Roussanne, 6%  
Clairette, 6% Colombar, 6%  
Viognier, 6% Verdelho, 6%  
Palomino Fino, 6% Grenache Blanc,  
6% Sémillon Gris, 6% Sauvignon  
Blanc

### Did You Know?

Over the last five years, **Palladius** has seen a significant rise in quality, due to the addition of more vineyards and improved viticultural practices. With its **17 distinct sites**, Palladius is the most expansive representation of the Swartland's diversity in the Sadie Family's portfolio.

### Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Lobster with Herb Butter:** Enhances the wine's minerality and stone fruit flavors.
- **Risotto with Lemon and Asparagus:** Complements the vibrant acidity and texture.
- **Soft Goat Cheese Tart:** Balances the wine's richness and citrus-driven freshness.
- **Seared Scallops with Citrus Sauce:** Pairs beautifully with the wine's saline and fruity elements.



#### Robert Parker (RP) : 99 Points (2021)

*Toeing the line to triple digits, the 2021 Palladius is a blend of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Marsanne, Roussanne, Viognier, Sémillon, Colombar, Verdelho and Palomino. Instantly impressive in the glass, the wine is bold with waxy aromas that sway with seductive notes of lemon pastry cream, dusty melon and citrus blossoms. Medium-bodied and with 13.7% alcohol, the palate is succulent and bright with fantastic acid and displays a kiss of phenolic bitterness that beams with focus and precision. Subtle notes of beeswax and lees drive the finish with immense complexity and considerable weight. The aftertaste summersaults with complexity, offering fresh and bright citrus notes with notions of dusty flowers. It will remain food friendly for decades. It's devastatingly beautiful and cerebral.*



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

*The 2021 Palladius is aged in concrete eggs and amphora for 12 months plus 12 months in old foudre. Sadie said he is most proud of this vintage over the last decade. It has a well-defined lanolin, yellow fruit, melted candle wax and fern nose. The palate is supremely well-balanced, with a killer line of acidity counterbalancing the concentration. An underlying touch of bitter lemon and ginger surfaces towards the harmonious and persistent finish. Superb energy here. (NM)*



#### James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2021)

*This is showing aromas of waxed lemons, thyme, grapefruit rind, mango stones, apricots, white flowers and sea shells. Seductively supple, fresh, with bright acidity and a seashell-like minerality. Sophisticated, seamless blend that makes you think. Holding back a little at the moment. Blend of 35% chenin blanc, with equal parts of marsanne, roussanne, clairette, colombar, viognier, verdelho, palomino, grenache blanc, grenache gris, semillon blanc and semillon gris.*

