

Soldaat 2015

SADIE FAMILY WINES, PIEKENIERSKLOOF, SOUTH AFRICA



HARVEST & VINTAGE NOTES

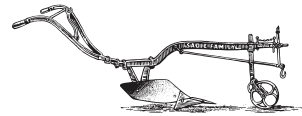
Vineyard & Soils: In the Piekenierskloof region on Paleisheuwel Rd.; Yield of 23 hl/ha; unirrigated vineyard was planted at around 708 meters of altitude in decomposed granite soil with a slight easterly slope.

Aging Potential: 18 years

The most planted red grape variety in the world is Grenache Noir. It has had a long standing position in South Africa, but it is very site specific. The Piekenierskloof Pass, going north to Citrusdal, has in recent years firmly positioned itself as the leading location for Grenache.

Piekenierskloof got its name from foot soldiers (piekeniers) located at the top of the mountain to protect livestock from theft, hence the parcel being named Soldaat (Soldier).

Grenache from this region often displays fresh, bright red fruit aromas with an earthy minerality, as opposed to the over-extracted and alcoholic version that is often produced. Utmost care is taken to preserve the elegant and refined side of this magnificent grape throughout the entire vinification process. Unfined & unfiltered. Decanting recommended.



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WINEMAKER: Eben Sadie

GRAPES: 100% Grenache Noir (Local synonym: Grenache)

ALCOHOL: 13%

PH: 3.6

TOTAL ACIDITY: 5.3 g/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.5 g/L

ANNUAL PRODUCTION:
350 cases x 12/750ml



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