



THE
SADIE FAMILY
RELEASE

2020



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VINEYARDS



Location

St. Helena Bay - Cape West Coast



Grapes

Chenin Blanc / *Steen* (South African Synonym),
Palomino / *Vaalblaar* (South African Synonym)



Ageing

12 months old foudre



Soils

Limestones base with pH up to 9,
with sandy top layer.

TECHNICAL DETAILS



Yield

24 hl/ha



Alcohol

12.5%



Residual Sugar

1.9 g/L



pH

3,16



Total Acidity

6,2 g/L



Total Sulphur

76 mg/L



SKERPIONEN

2019

VINIFICATION | After harvesting the grapes are placed in a cooling room to reduce the temperature, since the average temperatures are often 35 degrees or more – and pressing warm grapes comes with its own series of problems. We then do whole bunch pressing, a process that takes about 3 hours during which time there is a margin of settling of the juice in the collecting tank. The juice is then transferred to two old foudres for fermentation.

The natural fermentation can sometimes take up to 5 days or more to start. The fermentation may continue from 1 to 6 months and sometimes it only finishes in the following spring, by which time the malolactic fermentation would often have come to completion as well.

AGEING | The wine is left in cask on the fermentation lees for the entire first 12 months and we bottle from the lees. Only about 50ppm of sulphur is added 2 weeks prior to bottling.

NOTES | Skerpioen (Scorpion) is a wine from a very unique location halfway between Dwarskersbos and Elands Bay on the West Coast. One of the most amazing aspects of this location is the fact that the soils are chalky (limestone). In addition to that it is one of the coolest parts of the Swartland region, located a mere 2km from the Atlantic Ocean, but it is also a very dry area with an average rainfall of around 300mm per year.

This location is home to some of the most intense south-easterly winds and the old vines look almost abused after having been battered by winds and blowing sand for years and years.

The character of the wines that yield from this area is mostly trademarked by being extremely salty and saline, with some limey tones. Year after year this is our white wine with the highest level of natural acidity and the lowest percentage of alcohol.