

GRAND AVENUE
— WINES —



2015

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Prior to tasting his wines I had read much about Eben Sadie, considered to be one of the rising stars of South African winemaking. Experienced trade contacts and wine journalists alike were increasingly enthusiastic about his wines produced with extremely low yields from old vines in the region of Swartland, situated deep in the Cape's wine country. Two years ago, I finally determined to set up a lunch at the Clove Club in London where we would pitch the 2009 vintage of Sadie's Columella against Marcel Guigal's 1999 La Turque, a legendary wine from a great vintage in Cote-Rotie in France's Northern Rhone. The wines spoke for themselves. Both were great but whilst the difference in age and in style was obvious the difference in quality was not. The Columella more than held its own, quite an achievement for a wine that retailed for a fraction of the price of the La Turque. Since that time, I have tasted many more of Sadie's wines, both red and white. The common link I find amongst them is that they all possess a striking vivacity and intensity, yet at the same time maintaining a wonderful balance between fruit and acidity. It has taken a while but I have now assembled a selection of his wines that I am proud to offer here.

Eben Sadie is a pioneer of Rhone varietals in the South African wine region of Swartland. He is fanatical about terroir and each of his wines is a pure expression of the varied parcels he farms. Having established his own estate, Sadie Family Wines, with just R9,000 (£525) in 1999, he has won considerable critical acclaim and many consider his Syrah based blend, Columella, to be South Africa's very best wine.

Swartland itself is up-and-coming. Located around the town of Malmesbury, 70km north of Cape Town, it combines a maritime climate with a high proportion of old vines grown on a variety of soil types. Thanks to visionaries like Sadie, it has rapidly become a base for many young winemakers seeking to produce authentic, terroir driven wines.

Sadie's philosophy is simple. It is to minimise intervention in both the vineyard and the cellar, thus creating wines that are the purest possible expression of the grapes and the land on which they are grown. The vines are farmed under both organic and biodynamic principles. Aspect and altitude are varied as a means of achieving balance in the wines rather than manipulating them at a later stage in the cellar. Yields are miniscule and every single berry is sorted to ensure none are damaged. Only wild yeasts are used during the fermentation process and where appropriate the grapes undergo a long maceration process. In the cellar, the grapes are pressed in a small basket press and gravity fed, with little pumping over and only occasional racking. Eben is not a great believer in new oak and only utilises it sparingly, preferring to allow the wine to mature in concrete eggs and large wooden casks before being bottled without fining or filtration.

Our offer includes a selection of recent vintages of Columella, a blend primarily of Syrah and Mourvèdre. Eben's best known white wine, Palladius combines Chenin Blanc with a selection of Rhone varietals. We are also fortunate to offer a selection of the highly coveted Old Vine Series. These are produced from tiny parcels of old bush vines grown on unusual terroirs. The bottles are sealed under wax and labelled in Afrikaans. The final components here are the Sequillo wines, both red and white. These are the most affordable wines in the range and again are a blend of Rhone varietals.

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All prices are quoted inclusive of Duty & VAT. Wine can be delivered under bond upon request.

Sequillo

● 🍷 2010 Sequillo Red, Eben Sadie, Swartland	12×75cl	£228 (£19.00/bt)
● 🍷 2011 Sequillo White, Eben Sadie, Swartland	12×75cl	£228 (£19.00/bt)

Palladius

● 🍷 2009 Palladius, Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£240 (£40.00/bt)
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Columella

● 🍷 2009 Columella, Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£300 (£50.00/bt)
● 2011 Columella, Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£270 (£45.00/bt)
● 2012 Columella, Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£290 (£48.33/bt)

Old Vine Series

● 🍷 2011 Old Vine Series Skurfberg (Chenin Blanc), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£195 (£32.50/bt)
● 2011 Old Vine Series Mrs Kirsten (Chenin Blanc), Eben Sadie, Swartland	1×75cl	£95 (£95.00/bt)
● 🍷 2012 Old Vine Series Skurfberg (Chenin Blanc), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£195 (£32.50/bt)
● 2013 Old Vine Series Skerpioen (Chenin Blanc/Palomino), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£174 (£29.00/bt)
● 2013 Old Vine Series Skurfberg, (Chenin Blanc), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£174 (£29.00/bt)
● 2013 Old Vine Series Treinspoor (Tinta Barocca), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£174 (£29.00/bt)
● 2013 Old Vine Series Pofadder (Cinsault), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£192 (£32.17/bt)
● 2013 Old Vine Series Soldaat (Grenache), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£204 (£34.00/bt)
● 2013 Old Vine Series T Voetpad (Field Blend), Eben Sadie, Swartland	6×75cl	£204 (£34.00/bt)

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● Red wine ● White ● Rosé ● Champagne 🍷 Drinking now All prices quoted In Bond unless stated

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Availability

All wines are offered in bond excluding duty, VAT and delivery unless otherwise stated and are subject to availability. Wine is only sold by the complete case (either 6×75cl or 12×75cl as indicated). Please note we have a minimum order size of 12 bottles.

Prices

Prices are provisional and subject to confirmation upon our acceptance of your order. Confirmation may be by e-mail or by the delivery of an invoice.

Payment

Payment is due on invoice. We accept payment by bank transfer or by cheque (please allow five (5) working days for cheques to clear).

Bank Details:

Barclays Bank
10 North Street
Bishops Stortford
CM23 2LH

Delivery

All of our wines are stored at London City Bond in Barking. Transfer in bond to LCB or other bonded warehouses can be arranged at cost. Deliveries are charged at the following rate for orders of 12 bottles or more within mainland England and Wales: one (1) case – £10, orders of three (3) or more cases or orders in excess of £300 – free. Deliveries to Scotland or overseas are charged at cost.

Title

Until the seller of the goods has received full payment, property of the goods shall not pass to the purchaser. E&OE.

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