

# SADIE FAMILY

Eben Sadie is the first South African to earn a **classic rating** (95-100 points) from **Wine Spectator**

## Columella

- **2006 vintage** publication: *Wine Spectator* **94 points**  
Dark and alluring, with currant paste, fig sauce and dark plum notes that glide over rich but fine grained tannins. Hints of mesquite, melted licorice and bittersweet ganache fill out the finish. Has plenty of length and concentration. This should fill out with moderate cellaring.
- **2005 vintage** publication: *Wine Spectator* **95 points**  
"This offers a stunning array of blue and black fruit - blackberry, boysenberry, blueberry and currant - that is pure, driven and refined, with licorice, sweet spice, vanilla, mineral and sanguine notes fluttering throughout. Despite its concentration, this is remarkably elegant, with superb length and a seamless finish. Welcome to the majors, South Africa. Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2013." *Highest rated South African wine to date in this publication*
- **2004 vintage** publication: *Wine Spectator* (web only 2007) **92 points**
- **2004 vintage** publication: *Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* **92 points**  
"(Syrah with 20% Mourvedre) Saturated, deep ruby-red. Perfumed, vibrant, highly nuanced aromas of raspberry, strawberry, tobacco, minerals, flowers and black pepper. Rich, supple, silky-sweet and lively, with a chocolatey ripeness to the brisk berry flavors. Sharply delineated, classy wine, finishing long and firm, with a youthful edge of acidity contributing grip. With extended aeration, this was even more vibrant on the nose, showing notes of blackberry, violet, gunpowder, wild herbs and Tellicherry pepper, and finishing with a smoky sweetness."

*\*\*\* every vintage of Columella (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 & 2004) \*\*\*  
has been reviewed 90 points or higher by Steve Tanzer and Wine Spectator*

## palladius

- **2006 vintage** publication: *Wine Spectator* **92 points**  
"Rich but nervy, with a wide range of chamomile, orange blossom, white peach, green almond, salt butter and mineral notes. Really fleshes out with air, but also keeps its bracing edge all the way through.."
- **2005 vintage** publication: *Wine Spectator* **91 points**  
"Made from a blend of Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Marsanne, Roussanne and Chardonnay. It's bold, with lots of apricot, nectarine, peach and melon flavors all backed by racy acidity and a long, mineral finish, where hints of spice, blanched almond and white flowers chime in. Its flavor profile is unique."
- **2005 vintage** publication: *Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* **91(+?) points**  
"(Includes some grenache blanc grapes that desiccated on the vine) Medium lemon-yellow. Complex, understated aromas of lemon drop, stone, menthol and butterscotch. Juicy and penetrating on the palate, with noteworthy energy and grip to the nuanced flavors of citrus peel, peach, cherry, pit, minerals, dusty stone, honey and licorice. Very flavorful white wine with a long, youthfully tight finish. Imagine a hypothetical blend of a top white Graves and a top northern Rhone white."
- **2005 vintage** publication: *Wine Enthusiast* (7.1.07) **89 points**
- **2004 vintage** publication: *Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar* **90 points**  
(40% Viognier and 20% each Chenin Blanc, Grenache Blanc and Chardonnay) "Exotic aromas of pineapple, honey, earth and marzipan, lifted by a muscat-like minty nuance. Fatter, fuller and lusher than the 2005, but with a bit less lift to its rich

apricot, smoke and butterscotch flavors. There's solid acidity underneath this broad, persistent wine but a faint note of nut skin on the back."

