

PLUS!*Diamond Series Selection***Sadie Family Wines***2005 Columella*

Swartland - South Africa

100 Cases Imported

Eben Sadie is perhaps South Africa's most talked-about winemaker, with five wine brands he currently calls his own and a career that spans 14 years. He packs a lot of experience into his professional life, doing two vintages a year, one in South Africa's Swartland region and one in Priorat, Spain. It's a journey that has taken him to Germany, Austria, Oregon, France, California, and a few places in between. Sadie got his start in winemaking in his early twenties, apprenticing with various South African producers before signing on as winemaker for Spice Route Winery in 1998. Not long after, Sadie began experimenting with his own wines, and in 2000 produced his first vintage (just 17 barrels) of a Rhône-style red blend he named *Columella*. *Columella* was one of the most important writers on viticulture and vinification in early Rome, and through his work and direction, much of the Syrah plantings made their way through the Rhône Valley. Since the wine was predominantly Syrah, and Sadie has always admired the writer's work, the *Columella* name seemed rather fitting. Today, Sadie's *Columella* wine is regarded amongst the best red wines from South Africa, each vintage scoring 90 Points or higher since 2000! We are pleased to present this special selection to our *Diamond Series Plus!* members this month.

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

The Sadie Family 2005 *Columella* is an extraordinary wine from one of the most renowned producers in South Africa, Eben Sadie. Following an impressive legacy of 90+ scores since the inaugural 2000 vintage, Sadie calls the 2005 "one of the best wines yet" with an outstanding score of **95 Points** and a ranking in the **Top 100 Wines of 2007** from *Wine Spectator*: "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.**" Eben Sadie is also honored as the first South African producer to earn a classic rating (95-100 points) from *Wine Spectator*. This wine is blessed with alluring, captivating fruit, plenty of length and stunning concentration. Aged 24 months in French oak barrels. 80% Syrah, 20% Mourvedre. Enjoy now until 2013.

REORDERS*2005 Columella*

Winery Direct: \$78.00 /bottle

Gold Medal Wine Store price:**2-Bottle Members: \$65.00 /bottle****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$61.00 /bottle**

*2 bottle min. order. Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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