



SAGA VINEYARDS

Western Cape - South Africa

Background

Saga Vineyards is a new venture by Reenen Borman of Boschkloof and his friends Fritz Schoon and Henk Kotze. It comprises four wines under two labels: Patatsfontein and Sons of Sugarland. The labels will change to reflect the next chapter in the saga, but the winemaking certainly won't. Sons of Sugarland Syrah is, at its heart, about authenticity. The focus here is on vineyards that make wine in its most genuine form; raw, real and honest, to express the "true character" of the grape. For these guys, that means whole bunch fermentation, and aging in concrete. Nothing else. Rather than silky and polished, the wine is pure and expressive. The Patatsfontein wines, including a Steen (Chenin Blanc), Colombard, and white blend, highlight terroir with old vines from remote sites in Montagu, a very remote ward in the Klein Karoo region about 2.5 hours west of Cape Town. The winemaking is simple; aging is in old oak barrels and concrete. And so the saga continues... three friends, four wines, and one new label. We can't wait to see what this chapter holds.

Highlights

- 1** Saga Vineyards wines include the Patatsfontein and Sons of Sugarland lines and are made by Reenen Borman of Boschkloof.
- 2** Rather than silky and polished, these wines are pure and expressive with a focus on texture and aromatics.
- 3** The wines can be thought of as new takes on the "classics" of South Africa: Chenin Blanc, Colombard, and Syrah.

Wines



Patatsfontein SRP \$21-45

The Patatsfontein line includes three wines: 'Patatsfontein' Steen, 'Patatsblanc' White Blend, and 'Doortjie' Colombard. These are strongly textured and have more acidity than you'll usually see for these grapes in South Africa. Aging is in used oak and concrete.



Sons of Sugarland SRP \$50

This Syrah from the Polkadraai Hills is one of the most lauded in all of South Africa. It's immensely explosive and ages in concrete.

Ethos



NATURAL



ORGANIC



VEGAN

Packaging



Experimental

Traditional

Press



This oozes class from start to finish. Outstanding.

96 points

VINOUS

'Sons of Sugarland' Syrah 2021