

ALVI'S DRIFT

# 221 RANGE SAUVIGNON BLANC 2023

Sparkling bright with hues of lime green, this light-bodied wine boasts a forthcoming nose with aromas of lime, white peach, passionfruit, and hints of gooseberry. Evoking images of spring and early summer, the wine's refreshing citrus acidity and elegant creamy mid-palate are beautifully balanced, with the fruit aromas following through on the palate, lingering to a memorable finish.

## ON THE VINES

With an ideal Mediterranean microclimate, an abundance of soil diversity and water from the life-giving Breede River, the Alvi's Drift vineyards are ideally positioned for producing remarkable wines of unique character and complexity.

The grapes for our 221 Sauvignon Blanc wines are hand-harvested from carefully selected, prime vineyards on our wine farm. Harvesting takes place in the cool, early morning hours, ensuring that sugar levels are stable and that the concentration of aromas and flavours in grapes is optimal.

## IN THE CELLAR

Only the best-quality, free-run juice is used to produce this unique Sauvignon Blanc wine. An intriguing blend of barrel-matured and fresh, crisp, tank-fermented Sauvignon Blanc, approximately 30% of this wine was wild-yeast fermented, then aged up to 12 months in predominantly older french oak barrels, but more recently also a few french acacia barrels, to add complexity and depth.

The remainder of the wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks, highlighting the wonderful, primary-fruit character of this vintage.

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## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Sauvignon Blanc

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.2%
Residual Sugar:	4.5 g/l
Acidity:	7.0 g/l
pH:	3.1

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

The wines in our 221 range were specifically created with fun food pairing in mind. Serve this wine with a zingy green smoked salmon or chicken salad, lemon butter sole or simply fish and chips.

## HERITAGE

In 1928, the All Black rugby team, known as "the invincibles" was unassailable. They arrived on South African shores after completing an undefeated tour of France and the British colonies, expecting to continue their winning streak. The rugby world was rocked when a young unknown, 19-year-old Albertus Viljoen Van Der Merwe, "Alvi" to his friends, scored the first try in history against the All Blacks on African soil.

Our charismatic founder gripped the rugby world's imagination by scoring this historic try, going on to be selected as the 221st player to play for the Springboks – South Africa's national rugby team. With Alvi in their ranks, the Springboks turned the tide on "the invincibles", going on to tour the UK and Europe undefeated.

Alvi's farm in Worcester, South Africa, has continued this winning legacy, remaining family owned – and home to three generations of the Van Der Merwe family – to this day. Today, the family farm is home to the Alvi's Drift winery, known for producing internationally acclaimed, world-class wines of exceptional quality and value.

With our 221 range, we pay tribute to our patriarch, Oupa Alvi, and our phenomenal South African Springbok rugby team.

## AWARDS

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