

ALVI'S DRIFT

SPARKLING RANGE BRUT NATURE CAP CLASSIQUE

This bone-dry Cap Classique wine boasts a charming, gold-leaf colour, with lively bubbles racing to the rim to form a delicate, fine crown of mousse. It has an intense, complex and appealing nose with aromas of baked brioche and lemon cream, with hints of walnut and nougat. Lively on the palate, the mousse is chalky dry with notes of nut and stone fruit following through to a full mid-palate, lingering long for a refreshing creamy-lemon finish.

ON THE VINES

Growing in the ancient limestone soils the Breede River Valley is so famous for, our mature Chardonnay vineyard is ideally situated for yielding grapes of the quality, character and complexity required for an outstanding MCC sparkling wine.

Our Pinot Noir vineyards are situated on north-facing slopes, with grapes grown in black slate soil.

At Alvi's Drift, it remains our philosophy that fruit should be phenologically ripe to ensure wines with an excellent, fruit-driven character and perfect mouthfeel. The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes for this wine are specifically harvested at optimal ripeness in the cool, early morning hours to protect the acidity so crucial to producing a superb Brut Nature sparkling wine.

IN THE CELLAR

In the Alvi's Drift cellar, our winemaking team strongly focuses on preserving the fruit-driven expression of the grapes that go into our award-winning wines.

Once delivered to our cellar, cool Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes are whole-bunch pressed to ensure a soft, elegant base wine. Only the highest-quality free-run juice is drawn off skins, then fermented at cool temperatures according to the natural method and aged on lees for 36 to 42 months before disgorgement.

As a Brut Nature, this wine boasts zero dosage, making it the perfect and most natural expression of the noble Cap Classique.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

70% Chardonnay | 30% Pinot Noir

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	12.6%
Residual Sugar:	1.7 g/l
Acidity:	6.9 g/l
pH:	3.2

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with fresh oysters and grilled prawns, or enjoy with a pear, goats' cheese and walnut salad, or a mushroom quiche.

HERITAGE

Alvi's Drift winery takes its name from the low-water bridge over the Breede River which cuts through the family farm. Our family patriarch, Albertus Vijoen "Oupa Alvi" Van Der Merwe was instrumental in having this bridge built back in 1930.

Oupa Alvi's son Bertie started wine production on the family farm and today Bertie's son, Alvi's Drift winemaker Alvi Van Der Merwe produces the winery's award-winning wines.

Alvi's Drift Brut Nature Cap Classique sparkling wine is made from 30% Pinot Noir and 70% Chardonnay grapes. Originating from the Burgundy region in France, Chardonnay is one of the most-planted white grape varieties in the world and widely used in the production of white sparkling wine.

AWARDS

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