



ALVI'S DRIFT

FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1928

SOUTH AFRICA · WORCESTER

Martial Pinotage 2017

The Wine

The martial eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) is a large eagle native to sub-Saharan Africa. One of the largest and most powerful species of booted eagle, its hunting technique is unique as it is one of few eagle species known to hunt primarily from a high soar, by stooping on its quarry-making it capable of taking down prey far larger than itself including livestock and game. Largely due to this capability, the martial eagle has become one of the most persecuted bird species in the world-perceived as a threat to livestock and valuable game, it was frequently targeted for eradication. Currently, the Martial Eagle is classified with the status of Vulnerable to extinction by the IUCN. Alvi's Drift, nestled among the mountains near Worcester provides ideal terrain for this rare eagle. The farm is actively taking steps to create an environment which will encourage and protect this and other eagle species on the farm. Alvi's Drift honours this great eagle with a unique range of wines which showcase the boldness and elegance of this magnificent bird.

The Grapes

Our vineyards are grown using a philosophy of sustainability and minimal intervention and are fertilized with natural compost produced on the farm. Vineyards are meticulously managed to optimize quality. Grapes are selectively hand harvested to ensure only healthy, ripe bunches are used for production.

In The Cellar

The grapes were crushed into roto-fermenters where they fermented for approximately 7 days. Juice was drawn off the skins to improve the wine's color and flavor intensity. The wine was matured in American oak for 8 months prior to bottling.

Cultivar Information

Pinotage 100%

Analysis

Residual Sugar- 4.5 g/l Alcohol -13.4 % Acidity – 5.7 g/l pH-3.4

