

ALVI'S DRIFT

# FLAGSHIP RANGE VERREAUX PINOTAGE 2020

Dark, black-cherry coloured with a youthful, purple rim, this wine boasts an intense, ripe-plum nose with notes of black berries and hints of dark chocolate, fig and sweet, oaky vanilla. The fruit follows through, lingering for a beautiful and satisfying finish. Made without compromise in small volumes only, our Verreux Pinotage 2020 vintage is a medium-bodied wine with velvety tannins and a well-rounded mouthfeel. This remarkable wine has ageing potential of at least 8 years.

## 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.

Our 2020 harvest will be remembered for not only yielding a larger-than-normal crop, but for nature's gift of remarkable fruit that reached optimal ripeness. Sufficient cold units were accumulated during winter to break dormancy, rainfall was a little below average and spring brought the favourable conditions which contributed to earlier bud break on our vines. Moderate summer temperatures ensured optimal flavour retention in the grapes, resulting in a truly exceptional vintage.

## IN THE CELLAR

To create this wine, crushed Pinotage grapes are transferred to our winery's traditional, open-top concrete fermentation tanks, built by our family patriarch almost a century ago. During fermentation, to increase skin-to-juice contact, the labour-intensive punch-down method (French: pigéage) is applied by hand, up to eight times daily.

Juice is left to soak for a few days to extract optimum flavour and colour from the skins. After fermentation, the wine matures in a combination of new French and American oak barrels for 18 months.

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## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Pinotage

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	4.5 g/l
Acidity:	5.9 g/l
pH:	3.5

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Enjoy this wine with roast venison, grilled steak or duck dishes.

## HERITAGE

The mighty Verreux eagle (*Polemaetus bellicosus*) is a large predatory bird with a wingspan of up to 2.3 m, native to sub-Saharan Africa.

A common sight in the skies above Alvi's Drift, this rare and magnificent eagle with its unmistakable jet-black colouration and distinct white "V" on its back has a unique hunting technique, hunting primarily from a high soar by stooping on its quarry.

Perceived as a threat to livestock, this spectacular bird has become one of the most persecuted bird species in the world.

At Alvi's Drift, we are actively taking steps to create an environment that will encourage and protect the Verreux eagle and other eagle species on our farm. Alvi's Drift honours this legendary South African bird with a unique South African wine that soars above all others.

## AWARDS

2024 | 93 Points | Platter's Wine Guide  
2023 | Double Platinum | NWC SA Top 100  
2023 | Top 100 | NWC SA Top 100  
2022 | Double Gold | NWC SA Top 100  
2022 | Great Gold | International Wine & Spirits Awards  
2022 | Gold | Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards  
2022 | Great Gold | Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition  
2023 | 3rd Place | Grand Cru National Champion Best in Class | NWC SA Top 100