

ALVI'S DRIFT

ALBERTUS VILJOEN RANGE CHARDONNAY 2021

Star bright and pale-straw in colour with lime green edges, this youthful wine boasts inviting spices on the nose, with notes of lemon cream and hints of pear drop. Vibrant fruit follows through on the palate, with beautifully integrated tannins and crisp acidity rounding the wine off. This elegant wine boasts a rich texture, lingering with a clean, lime-fruit finish. It will mature for eight years and longer.

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 singular complexity and character. Harvested from our very best, older Alvi's Drift vineyards, the Chardonnay grapes for this wine were grown in the limestone-rich soils found on the banks of the Breede River.

IN THE CELLAR

To create this wine, Chardonnay grapes are carefully selected for their unique characteristics from our prime, well-established Alvi's Drift vineyards. After whole-bunch pressing, grape juice is 100% barrel fermented in both new and used French oak, with wild yeast fermentation applied.

After alcoholic and malolactic fermentation, the wine is barrel-matured in 70% new French oak barrels for 12 months, with regular bâtonnage applied. After maturation, wine from each barrel is individually tasted before blending, in order to showcase the character and complexity of both terroir and vintage.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chardonnay

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	6.3 g/l
Acidity:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.3

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This wine will make a wonderful companion to grilled salmon, kingklip, grilled chicken, veal or brie and camembert cheese.

HERITAGE

In 1928, our family patriarch, Albertus Viljoen van der Merwe – "Alvi" to his friends – established a farm south of the town of Worcester, South Africa. Alvi's son, Bertie, started wine production on the family farm and today the award-winning Alvi's Drift wines are created by winemaker Alvi van der Merwe, Oupa Alvi's grandson and namesake.

Our Albertus Viljoen Icon range showcases the best of our harvest, full-bodied, barrel-fermented wines of outstanding character and complexity.

AWARDS

2022 Great Gold International Wine & Spirits Awards: Spain