

ALVI'S DRIFT

# ALBERTUS VILJOEN ICON RANGE CHENIN BLANC 2016

This elegant wine's brilliant, light-straw colour catches and reflects light like cut crystal. It boasts a complex nose dominated by characters of nectarine, peach, and integrated toasted oak, while aromas of roasted cashew and vanilla pod tease the senses. The wine has a rich, creamy palate with a viscous mouthfeel. Soft, full and round, it lingers for an eternity. Made in small quantities only, this is a wine which only a few will ever get to savour.

## 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 pinnacle of all Alvi's Drift Chenin Blanc wines, the grapes for our Albertus Viljoen Chenin Blanc are hand-selected from our established, 25- to 40-year old Chenin Blanc vineyards in the cool, early morning hours; then whole-bunch pressed to ensure the preservation of natural fruit flavours.

## IN THE CELLAR

To make this wine, a variety of grapes were carefully selected for their unique characteristics from our prime, well-established Alvi's Drift Chenin Blanc vineyards. After pressing, grape juice was 100% barrel fermented in oak, making use of wild yeast fermentation.

After fermentation, the wine was matured for 11 months and kept on lees to improve mouthfeel and complexity, with regular bâtonnage applied. After maturation, wine from each barrel was individually tasted before blending.

This wine boasts superior structure and will improve with cellar maturation of at least five years.

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## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chenin Blanc

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	4.9 g/l
Acidity:	6.1 g/l
pH:	3.2

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with a creamy coconut fish curry or saffron mussel bisque. It will also complement pork roast with apple sauce, or pork fillet with a creamy mustard sauce.

## 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 (grandfather) 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

2017 Great Gold International Wine & Spirits Awards Spain | 2017 Gold Michelangelo International Wine & Spirits Awards | 2018 Top 100 National Wine Challenge / Top 100 | 2018 Double Platinum National Wine Challenge / Top 100 | 2018 Gold International Wine & Spirits Awards Spain | 2018 90 Points Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge