

ALVI'S DRIFT

ALBERTUS VILJOEN RANGE CHENIN BLANC 2021

Star bright with a pale lemony colour, this wine boasts a forthcoming nose with intense notes of peach, blossom and lemon. These aromas follow through on the palate, with fresh, crisp acids perfectly in balance with firm tannins. The wine's fruit aromas open beautifully to linger on the mid palate. An elegant, well-rounded wine with a structure that will support ageing for at least up to eight years and beyond.

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, 20- to 48-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 whole-bunch pressing, free-run juice was 100% barrel fermented in French oak, with both wild yeast and cultured yeast fermentation applied.

After fermentation, the wine was matured for a further 12 months in 70% new oak barrels, 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 eight years.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chenin Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.4%
Residual Sugar:	4.8 g/l
Acidity:	6.5 g/l
pH:	3.1

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with spicy foods like medium to strong fish or chicken curries, creamy vegetable soup or strong cheeses like cheddar or Gruyère.

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.

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