

ALVI'S DRIFT

# RESERVE RANGE CVC

CHENIN BLANC/ VIOGNIER/CHARDONNAY

2020

With its striking pale-lemon colour, this wine has a lovely brilliance and a complex nose with intense, forthcoming aromas of tropical fruit, melon, pear, honeysuckle, almond and just a hint of white pepper. Notes of succulent green apple, pear and ripe citrus follow through, lending a lively acidity to this medium-bodied wine, well-balanced with ripe-fruit tones that are enveloped around a subtle-yet-present mineral streak, leading to a lingering, crisp and fresh finish.

## 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 Reserve range showcases the best of our harvest; a fusion of our trademark fresh, primary-fruit style – with just a hint of the luscious and opulent barrel-fermented style of our Albertus Viljoen Icon range.

## IN THE CELLAR

Optimally ripe grapes, hand-picked in the cool early morning hours are whole-bunch pressed, after which free-run juice is barrel fermented using a combination of commercial and carefully selected wild yeast strains.

Grape varieties are separately vinified to showcase the unique character of each grape varietal. After a year of maturation in mostly French oak barrels, wine from each barrel is tasted before a careful selection is made to create this remarkable CVC blend.



## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Chenin Blanc 67% | Viognier 18% | Chardonnay 15%

## ANALYSIS

|                 |         |
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| Alcohol:        | 13.7%   |
| Residual Sugar: | 4.5 g/l |
| Acidity:        | 6.8 g/l |
| pH:             | 3.0     |

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

This wine will complement both mild and spicy curries, as well as seafood dishes. It can also be enjoyed with most soft cheeses. Serve between 6 -12 °C.

## HERITAGE

The wine labels on bottles from our Reserve range feature an illustration of Alvi's Drift, the low-water bridge over the Breede River cutting through the family farm. Our patriarch, Albertus Viljoen "Oupa Alvi" van der Merwe, was instrumental in having this bridge built back in 1930.

Oupa Alvi's son Bertie started wine production on the family farm and today Bertie's son, Alvi's Drift winemaker Alvi van der Merwe produces the winery's award-winning wines, enjoyed by wine lovers around the globe.

Our Alvi's Drift Reserve range is the culmination of our pursuit of excellence in producing outstanding wines of unrivalled complexity.

## AWARDS

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