

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE CHARDONNAY 2019

Pale-straw coloured with flashes of lime green towards the meniscus, this wine offers inviting aromas of lemon cream, butter and peach blossom. The palate is elegant, with a well-defined body, refreshing acidity and a gentle, creamy texture backed by buttery notes and a refreshing lemon fruit character which leads to a clean, lemony finish. This wine has great aging potential and will benefit from two to five years' cellar maturation.

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 pressed, with preference given to free-run juice. Thereafter, wild-yeast fermentation is started in tank. A portion of the juice is fermented in tank, while the remainder completes fermentation in barrels. Trademark fresh and optimally ripe fruit characters are beautifully showcased by tank fermentation, while the barrel fermented juice adds beautiful complexity.

This wine will improve with cellar maturation of two to five years.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chardonnay

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	4.4 g/l
Acidity:	6.7 g/l
pH:	3.2

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with grilled, lightly spiced chicken and duck, grilled fish with lemon-butter or hollandaise sauce, or a classic beurre blanc sauce using this wine as an ingredient. Enjoy with soft, ripe Brie or Camembert cheese, hard cheeses like Grana Padano or South Africa's classic Huguenot cheese.

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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2020 Gold International Wine Awards Spain |
2021 Gold Catavinum Awards