

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE CHARDONNAY 2020

Pale-straw coloured with shimmering brightness and a youthful, lime-green edge, this delightfully complex wine boasts aromas of lemongrass, ripe lemon-and-lime, with hints of butterscotch. The palate is silky-smooth with a rounded creaminess; restraining acidity and notes of citrus, subtly supported by integrated oak which follows through to linger on the palate.

This wine has great aging potential and will benefit from two to five years' 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.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chardonnay

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.7%
Residual Sugar:	4.4 g
Acidity:	6.5 g
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

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

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