

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE CHARDONNAY 2022

Pale, leaf-gold in colour with a lime green-edge, this wine boasts forthcoming aromas of lemon curd, with hints of vanilla and buttery tropical notes of pineapple and melon. Elegant and creamy on the palate, the fruit follows through with a delectably lingering, lemon-cream aftertaste. Boasting a beautiful balance between fruit, acids, and gentle tannins, this wine will mature well for up to eight years.

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.

IN THE CELLAR

Optimally ripe grapes, hand-picked in the cool, early morning hours to preserve its crisp acidity are pressed, with preference given to free-run juice.

The exception to the other wines in our Reserve range, this wooded Chardonnay is 100% barrel fermented in French oak, lending a beautiful complexity to the final product.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chardonnay

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5 %
Residual Sugar:	4.9 g/l
Acidity:	6.4 g/l
pH:	3.3

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with a seafood bisque, or enjoy with brie on a French baguette, served with fresh pear or apple. This wooded Chardonnay will also complement roast pork served with applesauce, or a butter chicken dish. Serve between 10-12 °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.

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