



ALVI'S DRIFT

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RESERVE Drift Fusion

2017

The Wine

The reserve tier showcases the best of our harvest, a fusion of the fresh, primary fruit style as seen on the Signature wines with a hint of the luscious and opulent style of the Albertus Viljoen barrel fermented wines. The labels of the Reserve tier feature an illustration of Alvi's Drift, the low-water bridge which Albertus Viljoen van der Merwe was instrumental in building back in 1928 to facilitate easier and safer crossing of the Breede river which cuts through the property. Alvi's Drift cellar has grown from humble beginnings with "oupa" Albertus Viljoen passing the banner to his son, Bertie, and in turn to his son, Alvi. Under Alvi's direction, Alvi's Drift has gone on to produce a string of award-winning wines which are now enjoyed around the world.

In The Cellar

The Fusion, as the name implies, is a fusion of "old" and "new". Not only grapes and styles of wine, but also of winemaking techniques. Each variety is vinified separately with a specific intent to showcase specific characters using methods and stylistic choices suited to each grape. In general, juice is macerated on skin to improve the colour. Each variety then follows its own path through the cellar, enjoying open fermentation, pumping-over and french oak barrel maturation in some cases while other varieties enjoy partial tank fermentation, completing fermentation in barrel. After fermentation, the wine was matured for 18 months in a combination of French and American Oak barrels of which approximately a third were new.



Tasting Note

The Alvi's Drift Reserve Drift Fusion is a Cabernet dominated Cape Blend ensuring that the classic Bordeaux variety and the venerable Shiraz are beautifully complimented and seamlessly bound with the Cape's "own" grape, Pinotage. This velvety classic cape blend has an intense aroma of ripe blackberries, cherries and plums with beautifully integrated vanilla and cashew nut characters cascading through the pallet to a lingering finish. This wine will continue to improve with age for 5-8 years.

Cultivar Information

Cabernet Sauvignon 33%; Pinotage 27%
Shiraz 20%; Durif 10%; Grenache 7%;
Petit Verdot 3%

Analysis

- Residual Sugar 4.4 g/l
- Alcohol 13.7%
- Acidity 5.9 g/l
- pH 3.4

Awards

- Gold in the Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition for Spain 2019
- Gold in the International Wine Awards in Spain 2019



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