

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE DRIFT FUSION 2019

This intense, opaque red wine blend offers complex aromas of luscious ripe fruit on the nose, with notes of strawberry, plum, and blackcurrant. Lingering hints of tobacco and spice add depth, making for a memorable, well-balanced wine with a full-rounded mouthfeel and velvety soft, well-integrated tannins. Enjoy this wine young, or mature for up to 8 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.

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

A true Cape blend led by Pinotage and backed by Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is literally a fusion of old and new. Not only of grapes and styles of wine, but also of winemaking techniques, with each variety vinified separately to showcase specific characters of each varietal.

After juice is macerated on skins, each variety follows its own path through the cellar, enjoying pumping-over and open-tank fermentation in some cases, while other varieties enjoy partial tank fermentation, completing fermentation in barrel. Then, wine is matured for 12 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, of which approximately 33% are new. Thereafter, wines from individual barrels are carefully selected to make up the final blend.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Pinotage	43.5 %
Cabernet Sauvignon	41.6 %
Grenache	6.9 %
Petit Verdot	5 %
Durif	3 %

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5 %
Residual Sugar:	4.4 g/l
Acidity:	6.0 g/l
pH:	3.4

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This red wine blend makes an excellent companion to roast steak or duck dishes. It will also complement strong-flavoured cheeses like Pecorino, Roquefort or mature cheddar.

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

- 2023 | Double Platinum | NWC & SA Top 100
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- 2023 | Gold | International Wine & Spirits Awards: Spain
- 2023 | Gold | Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition: Spain
- 2023 | Grand Cru National Champion Best in Class | NWC & SA Top 100
- 2023 | Gold | LUMO Awards
- 2023 | Gold | Veritas Awards

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