

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE DRIFT FUSION 2020

Intense black-cherry coloured with a youthful ruby rim, this wine offers complex aromas of rich, ripe black fruit with notes of prune, black cherry, and black currant. Layers of spice and hints of cedarwood combine with fruit to create an unforgettable taste experience. This wine's black fruit flavours follow through on the palate, where silky-yet-firm tannins and well-balanced acidity combine to produce a well-rounded wine. This red wine will improve with maturation of up to 8 years, but can be enjoyed immediately.

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

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.

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	36.5 %
Cabernet Sauvignon	33 %
Shiraz	15 %
Durif	7 %
Petit Verdot	5 %
Grenache	3.5 %

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5 %
Residual Sugar:	4.6 g/l
Acidity:	6.2 g/l
pH:	3.4

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This red wine blend makes an excellent companion to roast lamb, grilled steak and will pair very well with rich oxtail dishes. It will also complement strong cheeses like Pecorino 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

2024 | 93 Points/4.5 stars | Platter's Wine Guide
2022 | Gold | International Wine & Spirits Awards: Spain
2022 | Top 100 | NWC & SA Top 100
2022 | Double Platinum | NWC & SA Top 100
2022 | Gold | Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition

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