

ALVI'S DRIFT

# RESERVE RANGE MUSCAT NECTARINIA 2017

This delectable natural dessert wine boasts a velvety mouthfeel with a lift of zesty freshness and a sweetness that's beautifully balanced with its energising acidity. The wine's luminous amber hue reflects both the perfect ripeness of the grapes, and five years spent developing in French oak barrels. This remarkable wine boasts a profusion of intense raisin, fig and honey aromas with notes of dried yellow peach, deliciously enveloped in hints of mixed spice.

## 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.

For this wine, optimally ripe grapes with a balling of 40° are hand-picked in the cool, early morning hours from vineyards aged between 25-40 years. These vineyards are specially selected for their ability to yield high sugar while still maintaining quality and vibrancy of flavour.

## IN THE CELLAR

In the Alvi's Drift cellar, our winemaking team strongly focuses on preserving the fruit-driven expression of the grapes that go into our award-winning wines.

After crushing and prior to fermentation, grapes are left on skins to allow for the full extraction of crystallised sugar in dried berries. Thereafter, wine is matured in old oak French barrels for 48 months.



## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol	15.7 %
Residual Sugar	357.6 g/l
Acidity	6.3 g/l
pH	3.2

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Served between 5-8 °C, this wine will complement most desserts, cakes and tarts.

It can also be enjoyed with a variety of cheeses, including Munster, Epoisses de Bourgogne or Reblochon. This wine can be enjoyed chilled and has excellent ageing potential of up to 20 years.

## 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 Awards
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- 2023 | Double Gold | LUMO Awards
- 2023 | Double Gold | Veritas Awards
- 2023 | Great Gold | International Wine & Spirits Awards: Spain
- 2023 | Great Gold | Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition
- 2024 | 97 Points/5 stars | Platter's Wine Guide

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