

ALVI'S DRIFT

# SIGNATURE RANGE MERLOT

2022

This medium-bodied wine with its burgundy hue is an exquisite representation of the beloved Bordeaux variety. Its lightly wooded character unveils a fine depth of aromas, blending plum and cedarwood with subtle hints of spice. On the palate, the wine is juicy and mellow, with velvety tannins ensuring a well-rounded experience. Elegantly complemented by a neat, fresh tannin grip this wine is ideal for immediate enjoyment, but will age well over the next three 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 vineyards are sustainably fertilised with natural compost produced on our farm, and meticulously managed to ensure optimal quality and flavour. Come harvest time, our grapes are selectively hand harvested in the cool, early morning hours to ensure only the healthiest, perfectly ripe bunches are used for production.

## 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.

Once delivered to our cellar, hand-harvested Merlot grapes are crushed, then transferred to fermentation tanks and left to ferment for approximately seven days. The juice is drawn off on skins to enhance the wine's colour and flavour intensity, after which the wine is selectively matured in French oak for two months prior to bottling.



## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Merlot

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	4.3 g/l
Acidity:	5.7 g/l
pH:	3.4

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

This popular Bordeaux variety will complement a range of meat and pasta dishes. It is a perfect partner to a spaghetti bolognese, chicken pie or ideal for opening at a picnic to enjoy with dips and cheese.

## HERITAGE

Alvi's Drift winery takes its name from the low-water bridge over the Breede River which cuts through the family farm.

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.

True to our winery's trademark, fruit-driven style, the outstanding wines in our Signature range offer wine lovers exceptional value. In the words of Alvi's Drift winemaker, Alvi van der Merwe, "think 'great', for the price of good!".

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