

ALVI'S DRIFT

SPARKLING RANGE BRUT CAP CLASSIQUE

With its refreshing bouquet of lemon cream biscuit, stewed apple, a hint of lemon zest and blossoms, this refined Cap Classique sparkling wine boasts a sparkling pale straw colour with racy, fine bubbles that form a fine mousse crown. The wine's crisp, lively acidity bursts onto the palate with a lovely, creamy texture, delivering superb mid-palate depth with an elegant, clean lime finish. The delightful burst of bubbles on the palate enhances the experience, culminating in a deliciously lingering aftertaste.

ON THE VINES

Growing in the ancient limestone soils so characteristic of the Breede River Valley region, our mature Chardonnay vineyard is ideally situated for yielding grapes of the quality, character and complexity required for an outstanding Cap Classique sparkling wine. Our Pinot Noir vineyards are situated on north-facing slopes, with grapes grown in black slate soil.

The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes for this wine are selectively hand-harvested early in the season in the cool, early morning hours to ensure the crisp, fresh acidity so crucial to producing a superb Cap Classique sparkling wine.

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, cool Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes are whole-bunch pressed to ensure a soft, elegant base wine before dry fermentation commences.

For its secondary fermentation, this Cap Classique sparkling wine is bottle-fermented according to the traditional method, then aged on lees for 24 months before disgorgement.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

70% Chardonnay
30% Pinot Noir

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 11.6%
Residual Sugar: 9.1 g/l
Acidity: 6.9 g/l
pH: 3.1

PAIRING SUGGESTION

An excellent companion to grilled fish or sushi, this dry sparkling wine will also complement fresh oysters and canapés filled with smoked salmon.

HERITAGE

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

Alvi's Drift Brut Cap Classique is made from Pinot Noir and Chardonnay grapes. Originating from the Burgundy region in France, Chardonnay is one of the most-planted white grapes in the world and widely used in the production of white sparkling wine.

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