

ALVI'S DRIFT

221 RANGE SPECIAL CUVÉE 2021

This aromatic, medium-bodied wine is a beautifully crafted, Shiraz-led blend of eight superb varieties. Fruit driven and well balanced with silky-smooth tannins, it is an intensely aromatic wine with hints of tobacco, sweet red fruit and spice – the result of 30% oak maturation. This lively, youthful wine can be enjoyed immediately, or matured for a further five 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. Come harvest time, our grapes are carefully hand harvested from selected vineyards in the cool, early morning hours to ensure optimal quality and flavour.

IN THE CELLAR

Created entirely from estate-grown grapes, each variety in this blended wine is vinified separately. Some varieties are wild-yeast fermented in barrels, while others are fermented in stainless steel tanks to showcase the very best, optimally ripe fruit characters of each varietal.

Only the best tanks and highest-quality oak barrels were carefully selected by our tasting panel to create this memorable, elegant-yet-accessible wine.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Shiraz 49.7% | Cabernet Sauvignon 24.4% | Pinotage 4.9% |
Petit Verdot 5.4% | Grenache 8.8% | Durif 4.1% | Viognier 2.7%

ANALYSIS

Alcohol	13.9%
Residual Sugar	4.3 g/l
Acidity	5.9 g/l
pH	3.5

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This versatile wine can be enjoyed on almost any occasion: at barbecues, elegant dinner parties and even with pasta and pizza.

HERITAGE

In 1928, the All Black rugby team, known as "the invincibles" was unassailable. They arrived on South African shores after completing an undefeated tour of France and the British colonies, expecting to continue their winning streak. The rugby world was rocked when a young unknown, 19-year old Albertus Viljoen van der Merwe, "Alvi" to his friends, scored the first try in history against the All Blacks on African soil.

Our charismatic founder gripped the rugby world's imagination by scoring this historic try, going on to be selected as the 221st player to play for the Springboks – South Africa's national rugby team. With Alvi in their ranks, the Springboks turned the tide on "the invincibles", going on to tour the UK and Europe undefeated.

Alvi's farm in Worcester, South Africa, has continued this winning legacy, remaining family owned – and home to three generations of the Van der Merwe family – to this day. Today, the family farm is home to the Alvi's Drift winery, known for producing internationally acclaimed, world-class wines of exceptional quality and value.

With our 221 range, we pay tribute to our patriarch, Oupa Alvi, and our winning South African Springbok rugby team.