

ALVI'S DRIFT

ALBERTUS VILJOEN ICON RANGE BISMARCK 2019

Opaque-red in colour, this beautifully robust wine has a complex nose offering layers of spice, vanilla, white pepper and generous helpings of ripe blackberry and prune. The wine has firm tannins, but with the richness of ripe fruit becomes an almost-seamless, wonderfully elegant expression of our winemaker's favourite wines of the vintage. Boasting a long-lasting, memorable finish, this wine has the potential to mature for at least 8-10 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 Albertus Viljoen Icon range showcases the best of our harvest, full-bodied, barrel-fermented wines of outstanding character and complexity.

IN THE CELLAR

Borrowing from ancient winemaking methods, all varieties in this blend were vinified and barrel-matured separately, with some varieties undergoing whole-bunch fermentation.

After arriving at the winery, most grape varieties were destemmed and cold soaked for 3-4 days, with a portion of the juice drawn off to maximise skin contact and colour extraction during fermentation. For this wine, fermentation was completed in barrels, followed by malolactic fermentation. After fermentation, the wine was matured in French and American oak barrels for 12 months, then blended before bottling.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Shiraz 43% | Pinotage 17% | Cabernet Sauvignon 17% |
Durif 9% | Grenache 6% | Petit Verdot 4.5% | Alicante
Bouchet 2% | Viognier 1.5%

ANALYSIS

Alcohol: 13.7%
Residual Sugar: 4.6 g/l
Acidity: 5.6 g/l
pH: 3.5

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Enjoy this wine with a hearty oxtail stew, venison pie or with grilled peri-peri chicken.

HERITAGE

In 1928, our family patriarch, Albertus Viljoen van der Merwe – “Alvi” to his friends – established a farm south of the town of Worcester, South Africa. Alvi's son, Bertie, started wine production on the family farm and today the award-winning Alvi's Drift wines are created by winemaker Alvi van der Merwe, Oupa Alvi's grandson and namesake.

This wine takes its name from Bismarck, our farm's beloved Great Dane and self-appointed custodian of the cellar. A friendly welcoming party to anyone visiting the farm, Bismarck commanded respect as the undisputed alpha male and leader of the pack. With this wine, we honour his legacy.

AWARDS

2021 Great Gold Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition Spain | 2021 Top 100 National Wine Challenge & Top 100 | 2021 Double Platinum National Wine Challenge & Top 100 | 2021 Shiraz Top 6 Shiraz Blends SA Challenge | 2021 Great Gold International Wine & Spirits Awards Spain | 2021 Gold Veritas Awards