

ALVI'S DRIFT

# RESERVE RANGE DRIFT FUSION 2019

A sumptuous, complex Cape blend with intense aromas of blackberry, plum and cassis, with hints of mint, spice and vanilla. Well balanced with a firm and well-integrated tannin structure, this full-bodied wine has a lingering, fruit-driven finish and will mature for at least eight 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 Reserve range showcases the best of our harvest; a fusion of our trademark fresh, primary-fruit style – with just a hint of the luscious and opulent barrel-fermented style of our Albertus Viljoen Icon range.

## IN THE CELLAR

A true Cape blend led by Pinotage and backed by Cabernet Sauvignon, this wine is literally a fusion of old and new. Not only of grapes and styles of wine, but also of winemaking techniques, with each variety vinified separately to showcase specific characters of each varietal.

After juice is macerated on skins, each variety follows its own path through the cellar, enjoying pumping-over and open-tank fermentation in some cases, while other varieties enjoy partial tank fermentation, completing fermentation in barrel. Then, wine is matured for 18 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels, of which approximately a third are new. Thereafter, wines from individual barrels are carefully selected to make up the final blend.

## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Pinotage 41% | Cabernet Sauvignon 39% | Shiraz 9% | Durif 5.5% | Petit Verdot 5.5%

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.7%
Residual Sugar:	4.3 g/l
Acidity:	5.8 g/l
pH:	3.5

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

This red wine is best enjoyed with most red meats like roast lamb, beef steak, venison pies and rich oxtail. It also pairs well with strong, mature cheeses such as Roquefort, Gruyère or Blue Rock.

## 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

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