

ALVI'S DRIFT

# RESERVE RANGE MUSCAT NECTARINIA 2016

This dazzling dessert wine boasts a viscous, decadent mouthfeel and a sweetness that is elegantly balanced with energising acidity, persisting to an endless finish. The wine's captivating copper hue reflects both the perfect ripeness of the grapes, and time spent developing in oak barrels. It delivers a profusion of rich, ripe pineapple, grape, and marmalade with notes of potpourri; deliciously enveloped in caramel with hints of exotic spice.

## 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

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.

For this wine, optimally ripe grapes with a balling of 40 are hand-picked in the cool, early morning hours from vineyards aged between 25-40 years, specially selected for their ability to yield high sugar while still maintaining quality and vibrancy of flavour.

After crushing, prior to fortification, grapes are left on skins to allow for the full extraction of crystallised sugar in dried berries. Thereafter, wine is matured in old oak barrels for 48 months.

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## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Muscat Blanc à Petits Grains

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	14.2 %
Residual Sugar:	355.5 g/l
Acidity:	6.2 g/l
pH:	3.2

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Served between 4-8 °C, this wine will complement any citrus-based dessert, as well as Crème brûlée, fresh fruit salad or rich cheeses such as Munster, Epoisses de Bourgogne or Reblochon. It has excellent ageing potential of up to 20 years.

## 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.