

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE CVC

CHENIN BLANC/ VIOGNIER/CHARDONNAY

2021

With its striking pale-lemon colour and youthful lime-green edge, this wine boasts aromas of melon, peach, quince, citrus and hints of flint and spice. The palate is full and rounded, with a velvety texture and intense fruit flavours. Lively acids delight with soft tannins, leading to a lovely, lingering lemony finish. This wine has enough structure and fruit to age up to 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

Optimally ripe grapes, hand-picked in the cool early morning hours are whole-bunch pressed, after which free-run juice is barrel fermented using a combination of commercial and carefully selected wild yeast strains.

Grape varieties (Chenin Blanc, Chardonnay and Viognier) are vinified separately to showcase the unique character of each grape varietal, with the Viognier specially vinified and matured in French oak for this special blended wine.

After a year of maturation in French oak barrels, wine from each barrel is tasted before a careful selection is made to create this remarkable CVC blend.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Chenin Blanc 67% | Viognier 17% | Chardonnay 16%

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.7%
Residual Sugar:	4.6 g/l
Acidity:	6.6 g/l
pH:	3.1

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This wine will complement both mild and spicy curries, such as chicken korma. It will also pair well with butternut or salmon quiche, pork belly or sushi. Serve between 6 - 12 °C.

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

2022 Gold International
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