

ALVI'S DRIFT

# RESERVE RANGE CHARDONNAY 2021

Star bright in colour with flashes of pale lemon-green, this wine boasts beautiful aromas of lemon zest with hints of toast, spice and melon. These aromas lead to an elegant, creamy palate with soft tannins and well-balanced acidity. The wine lingers beautifully on the palate with a fresh, lime finish. It has great aging potential and will benefit from up to eight years' maturation.

## 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.

## IN THE CELLAR

Optimally ripe grapes, hand-picked in the cool, early morning hours to preserve its crisp acidity are pressed, with preference given to free-run juice.

The exception to the other wines in our Reserve range, this wooded Chardonnay is 100% barrel fermented in French oak, lending a beautiful complexity to the finished wine.



## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chardonnay

## ANALYSIS

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

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with grilled white fish in a butter sauce, seared scallops, smoked salmon or lemon-roasted pork. It will also complement roasted vegetables such as zucchini and asparagus.

## 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 Wine & Spirits Awards: Spain