



FAMILY OWNED SINCE 1928  
SOUTH AFRICA  
WORCESTER

# ALVI'S DRIFT

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Special Cuvée  
2018

## The History

In 1928, the All-Black rugby team, known as the "invincibles" was unassailable. They arrived on the shores of South Africa after completing an undefeated tour of the British Colonies and France - expecting to continue this record. The rugby world was rocked when a young, unknown, 19-year old Albertus Viljoen van der Merwe, "Alvi" to his friends, scored the first try in history against the All-blacks on African soil. Our Charismatic founder gripped the world's imagination by scoring this try and went on to be selected as the 221st player to play for the South African national rugby team, "The Springboks". This Springbok team, with Alvi in their ranks, turned the tide on the "invincibles" and toured the UK and Europe undefeated.

Alvi's farm, in Worcester, South Africa, has continued this winning legacy, remaining family owned since its inception, producing world class wines that deliver exceptional quality and value. With the 221 range, we pay tribute to Alvi and the winning Springbok team.

## The Grapes

During this historic drought, we managed to irrigate sufficiently, control the pests and diseases throughout, ensuring that we harvest healthy, full ripe grapes with exceptional good colour in the red varieties and intense flavour in both our white and red cultivars.

221 Special Cuvée is made entirely from estate grown grapes; hand selected in the early morning to ensure that cool, optimally ripe bunches are delivered to the winery.



## In The Cellar

2018 was a challenging vintage as it was one of the driest years especially during the growth and ripening periods. However, with efficient use of irrigation water, we had healthy vineyards with limited incidences of pests, diseases or rot and managed to harvest good quality grapes with wonderful intensity of colour and fruit flavour.

## Tasting Note

A multi layered aromatic wine, reflecting a rich, ripe fruit character of plums and red cherries, with hints of spice and liquorice. Medium to full bodied, well rounded wine with great balance of tannin and fruit. Long lingering and memorable.

## Cultivar Information

Shiraz 38.8%; Cabernet Sauvignon 20.4%; Pinotage 15.6%; Durif 5.7%; Petit Verdot 5.2%; Grenache 9.5%; Viognier 4.7%

## Serving Suggestion

Serve with most red meats and game pie or lamb stews. To enjoy with a picnic, serve with Parma ham, chorizos and chicken liver pâté.

## Analysis

• Residual Sugar 4.6 g/l • Alcohol 13.4 %  
• Acidity 5.9 g/l • pH 3.4

## Awards

- Gold in the Catavinum World Wine & Spirits Competition
- Top 100 & Double Platinum Awards in the NWC & Top 100 2020

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