

ALVI'S DRIFT

221 RANGE PINOTAGE 2020

With an intense black cherry colour and youthful purple rim, this wine's aroma is bursting with bramble berries and red cherries, with hints of spice and vanilla on the nose. The red cherry character follows through beautifully on the palate, introducing a well-balanced wine with lively acids, charming fruit and soft tannins. This medium-bodied red wine can be enjoyed right away, but will mature for at least 3 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 vineyards are sustainably fertilised with natural compost produced on our farm. Come harvest time, our grapes are carefully hand harvested from selected Pinotage vineyards in the cool, early morning hours to ensure optimal quality and flavour.

IN THE CELLAR

To produce this wine, hand-harvested grapes from selected Pinotage vineyards situated in the unique Scherpenheuvel ward of the Worcester wine region are destemmed, crushed, cold soaked and then fermented on the skins for at least a week.

To add to the wine's complexity, at least 30% of this blend comes from our complex, wild-yeast, barrel-fermented Pinotage, sourced from predominantly older vines. The rest of the Pinotage in this blend is fermented in stainless steel tanks, bringing a freshness and vibrancy to the wine.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Pinotage

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.3%
Residual Sugar:	4.5 g/l
Acidity:	5.7 g/l
pH:	3.5

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Enjoy this wine with spaghetti bolognese, charcuterie or Emmentaler cheese. It will also make a perfect accompaniment to a salmon or tuna sushi platter.

HERITAGE

In 1928, the All Black rugby team, known as "the invincibles" was unassailable. They arrived on South African shores after completing an undefeated tour of France and the British colonies, expecting to continue their winning streak. 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 rugby world's imagination by scoring this historic try, going on to be selected as the 221st player to play for the Springboks – South Africa's national rugby team. With Alvi in their ranks, the Springboks turned the tide on "the invincibles", going on to tour the UK and Europe undefeated.

Alvi's farm in Worcester, South Africa, has continued this winning legacy, remaining family owned – and home to three generations of the Van Der Merwe family – to this day. Today, the family farm is home to the Alvi's Drift winery, known for producing internationally acclaimed, world-class wines of exceptional quality and value.

With our 221 range of Alvi's Drift wines, we pay tribute to our patriarch, Oupa Alvi, and our winning South African Springbok rugby team.