

ALVI'S DRIFT

221 RANGE SPECIAL CUVÉE 2020

Boasting an intense, ruby-red colour, this perfumed wine has forthcoming aromas of white pepper, mulberry, prunes, and liquorice on the nose; with hints of cinnamon, cloves and cardamom lingering in the background. Lush fruit follows through on the palate, supported by silky tannins leading to an interesting, lingering, peppery blackberry finish. Ready to be enjoyed immediately, this wine will mature for at least three to five 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 vineyards in the cool, early morning hours to ensure optimal quality and flavour.

IN THE CELLAR

Created entirely from estate-grown grapes, each variety in this blended wine is vinified separately. Some varieties are wild-yeast fermented in barrels, while others are fermented in stainless steel tanks to showcase the very best, optimally ripe fruit characters of each varietal.

Only the best tanks and highest-quality oak barrels were carefully selected by our tasting panel to create this memorable, elegant-yet-accessible wine.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Shiraz 41% | Cabernet Sauvignon 28% | Pinotage 13% |
Petit Verdot 5% | Grenache 5% | Durif 4% | Viognier 4%

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.7%
Residual Sugar:	5.5 g/l
Acidity:	6.1 g/l
pH:	3.4

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Enjoy this wine with porcini mushroom and truffle risotto, or grilled steak with a creamy pepper sauce.

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.

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