

ALVI'S DRIFT

ALBERTUS VILJOEN ICON RANGE CHENIN BLANC 2019

This brilliant, pale-straw coloured wine has a complex nose with soft, chamomile characters and notes of nectarine, peach, fresh cream, a touch of vanilla pod and hints of roasted cashew. Elegant, rich and velvety, the wine has a long-lingering palate, with ripe fruit characters following through and fan-tailing out towards a long-lingering end.

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.

The pinnacle of all Alvi's Drift Chenin Blanc wines, the grapes for our Albertus Viljoen Chenin Blanc are hand-selected from our established, 25- to 40-year old Chenin Blanc vineyards in the cool, early morning hours; then whole-bunch pressed to ensure the preservation of natural fruit flavours.

IN THE CELLAR

To make this wine, a variety of grapes were carefully selected for their unique characteristics from our prime, well-established Alvi's Drift Chenin Blanc vineyards. After pressing, grape juice was 100% barrel fermented in European oak, utilising a combination of wild yeast and cultured yeast fermentation.

After fermentation, the wine was kept on lees to improve mouthfeel and complexity, with regular bâtonnage applied. After maturation, wine from each barrel was individually tasted before blending. This wine boasts superior structure and will improve with cellar maturation of at least five years.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chenin Blanc

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.7%
Residual Sugar:	4.4 g/l
Acidity:	6.9 g/l
pH:	3.2

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this wine with a creamy coconut fish curry or saffron mussel bisque. It will also complement pork roast with apple sauce, or pork fillet with a creamy mustard sauce.

HERITAGE

In 1928, our family patriarch, Albertus Viljoen Van Der Merwe – “Alvi” to his friends – established a farm south of the town of Worcester, South Africa. Alvi's son, Bertie, started wine production on the family farm and today the award-winning Alvi's Drift wines are created by winemaker Alvi Van Der Merwe, Oupa Alvi's grandson and namesake.

Our Albertus Viljoen Icon range showcases the best of our harvest, full-bodied, barrel-fermented wines of outstanding character and complexity.

AWARDS

2020 Top 10 Finalist Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge | 2020 Top 100 NWC Awards | 2020 Double Platinum NWC Awards | 2020 Gold Michelangelo International Wine & Spirit Awards | 2021 Great Gold Catavinum | 2021 Gold Sommelier's Choice Awards | 2021 Wine of the Year by Country Sommelier's Choice Awards | 2021 Gold Michelangelo International Wine & Spirit Awards | 2021 Gold Veritas Awards

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