

ALVI'S DRIFT

RESERVE RANGE CVC

CHENIN BLANC/ VIOGNIER/ CHARDONNAY

2019

With its striking pale-lemon colour, this wine has a lovely brilliance and a complex nose, offering aromas of peach, stewed quince, honeysuckle, hazelnut and hints of butterscotch. It boasts a structured, well-rounded palate, extremely well-balanced tannins and acids, with fruit following through with great length to a memorable finish.

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 Reserve range showcases the best of our harvest; a fusion of our trademark fresh, primary-fruit style – with just a hint of the luscious and opulent barrel-fermented style of our Albertus Viljoen Icon range.

IN THE CELLAR

Optimally ripe grapes, hand-picked in the cool early morning hours are whole-bunch pressed, after which free-run juice is barrel fermented using a combination of commercial and carefully selected wild yeast strains.

Grape varieties are separately vinified to showcase the unique character of each grape varietal. After a year of maturation in mostly French oak barrels, wine from each barrel is tasted before a careful selection is made to create this remarkable CVC blend.

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CULTIVAR INFORMATION

Chenin Blanc 67% | Viognier 17% | Chardonnay 16%

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.6%
Residual Sugar:	4.5 g/l
Acidity:	6.6 g/l
pH:	3.1

PAIRING SUGGESTION

This wine will complement mild curries, Asian dishes, seafood, roast pork and chicken in a creamy mushroom sauce. It can also be served with most soft cheeses like Chevre, gouda, cheddar, Emmental as well as creamy Gorgonzola.

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

2020 Double Gold NWC | 2020 Gold International Wine Awards Spain

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2021 Gold Catavinum | 2021 Gold Sommelier's Choice Awards