

ALVI'S DRIFT

SIGNATURE RANGE MERLOT 2020

An excellent, ripe example of this popular Bordeaux variety, this wine is a masterful balancing act of fruit, oak and tannin, with intense aromas of delicious black cherry, plum, and just a hint of chocolate and mixed spice. The palate is broad and deep with firm, velvety, well-integrated tannins backed by ripe fruit that follows through to linger on the palate.

ON THE VINES

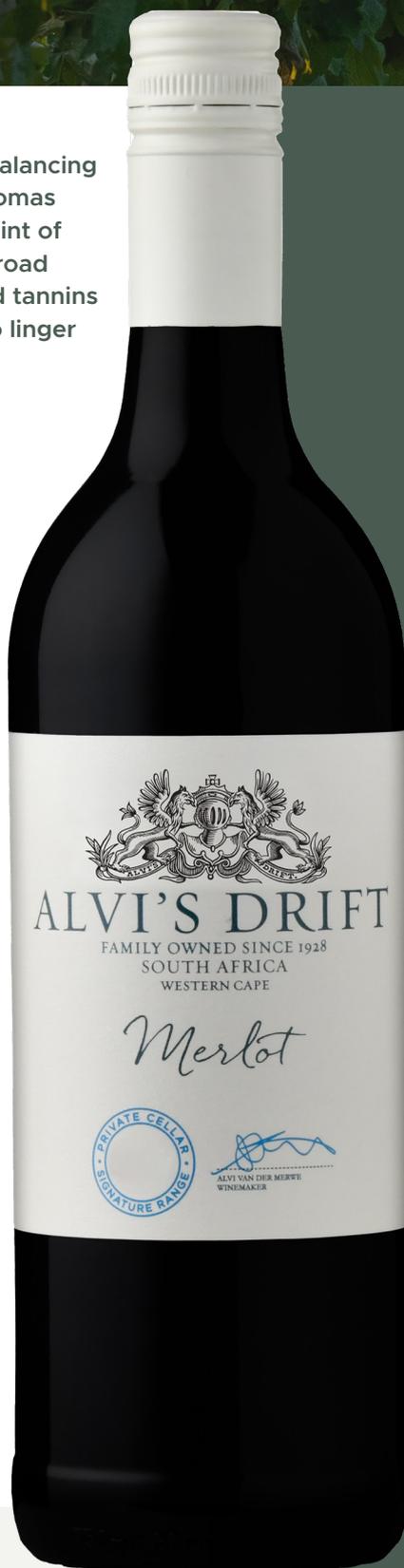
With an ideal Mediterranean microclimate, an abundance of soil diversity and water from the life-giving Breede River, the Alvi's Drift vineyards are ideally positioned for producing remarkable wines of unique character and complexity.

Our vineyards are sustainably fertilised with natural compost produced on our farm, and meticulously managed to ensure optimal quality and flavour. Come harvest time, our grapes are selectively hand harvested in the cool, early morning hours to ensure only the healthiest, perfectly ripe bunches are used for production.

IN THE CELLAR

In the Alvi's Drift cellar, our winemaking team strongly focuses on preserving the fruit-driven expression of the grapes that go into our award-winning wines.

Once delivered to our cellar, hand-harvested Merlot grapes are crushed, then transferred to fermentation tanks and left to ferment for approximately seven days. The juice is drawn off on skins to enhance the wine's colour and flavour intensity, after which the wine is selectively matured in French oak for up to eight months prior to bottling.



CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Merlot

ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.0%
Residual Sugar:	4.4 g/l
Acidity:	5.5 g/l
pH:	3.6

PAIRING SUGGESTION

Known for pairing well with roast lamb and duck, this popular Bordeaux variety will complement a range of meat and pasta dishes.

HERITAGE

Alvi's Drift winery takes its name from the low-water bridge over the Breede River which cuts through the family farm.

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.

True to our winery's trademark, fruit-driven style, the outstanding wines in our Signature range offer wine lovers exceptional value. In the words of Alvi's Drift winemaker, Alvi Van Der Merwe, "think 'great', for the price of good!".

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