

ALVI'S DRIFT

# SIGNATURE RANGE PINOTAGE 2020

A cellar specialty since it was first bottled in 2006, Alvi's Drift Pinotage has an intense black cherry colour with a youthful ruby rim. A juicy plum-and-ripe-black-cherry character dominates both bouquet and palate, with hints of liquorice and sweet vanilla. The wine boasts a seamless tannin structure, well balanced with subtle hints of berries and vanilla following through on the palate. It can be enjoyed immediately, but will reward with up to three years of cellar maturation.

## 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.

The grapes for this vintage were harvested almost two weeks earlier than normal, but they were perfectly ripe and healthy.

## IN THE CELLAR

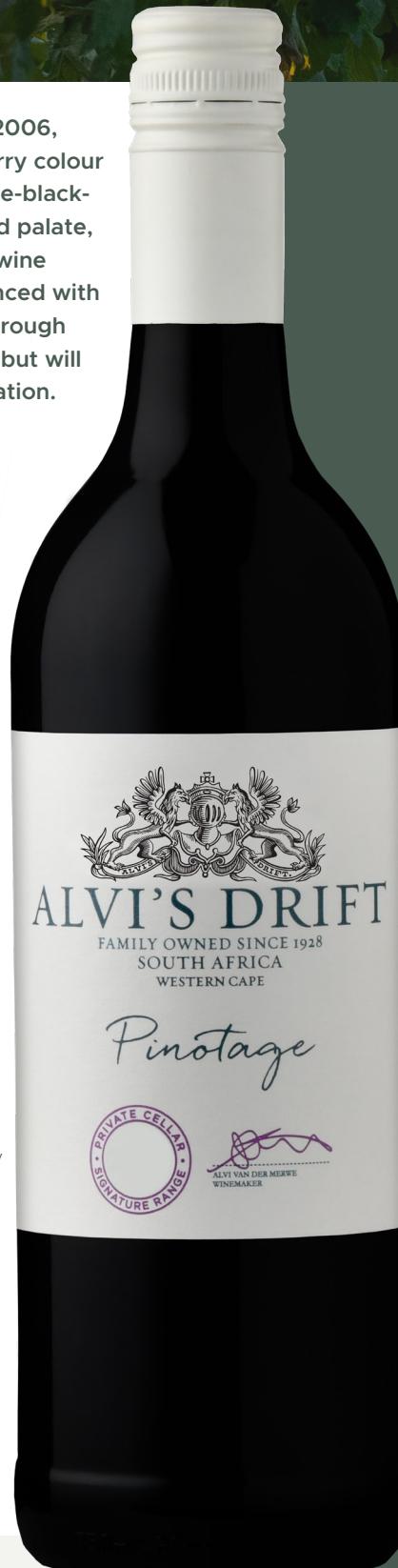
In the Alvi's Drift cellar, our winemaking team strongly focuses on preserving the fruit-driven expression of the grapes that go into our award-winning wines.

Once delivered to our cellar, hand-harvested Pinotage grapes are crushed before being 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 American oak for up to eight months prior to bottling.

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## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Pinotage

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	13.3%
Residual Sugar:	4.4 g/l
Acidity:	5.7 g/l
pH:	3.6

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

This wine can be enjoyed with most red meats, as well as mature gouda or cheddar cheese. It will also complement sushi and seared tuna and pairs well with any creamy coconut curry.

## 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!".

## AWARDS

2021 Best Value Gilbert & Gaillard International Challenge I

2021 Gold - Gold Wine Awards I

2021 Double Gold Ultra Value Wine Awards