

ALVI'S DRIFT

# SPARKLING RANGE BRUT BLANC DE BLANC

Pale straw-coloured with lime-green hues, this vibrant wine has an intense attack, with lots of lively bubbles racing from the depth of the glass towards the rim. It boasts a charming, fresh palate with zippy acidity and fresh fruit following through, with the bubbles creating an exciting explosion in the mouth. This wine was created for celebrating good times, great friendships and special moments.

## 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 winery vineyards are ideally positioned for producing remarkable wines of unique character and complexity.

The Chardonnay grapes used for the production of this Blanc de Blanc sparkling wine are sourced from two Alvi's Drift vineyards. Thornlands, with its south-facing slopes is dominated by ancient shale and black slate soils, while Moordkuilsdrift is known for its characteristic, limestone-rich soils.

## 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.

The Chardonnay grapes used to create this Blanc de Blanc sparkling wine are carefully hand harvested in the early morning hours to ensure they arrive cool at our winery, thus preserving both flavour and acidity. Grapes are whole-bunch pressed, after which free-run juice is separated before cold fermentation commences in a stainless steel tank. After alcoholic fermentation is completed, wine is left on lees to develop complexity prior to bottling.

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## CULTIVAR INFORMATION

100% Chardonnay

## ANALYSIS

Alcohol:	12.6%
Residual Sugar:	8.3 g/l
Acidity:	7.3 g/l
pH:	2.9

## PAIRING SUGGESTION

Serve this sparkling wine as a welcoming drink with fish pâté, fresh oysters, or sushi. It will also complement grilled fish, prawns or chicken dishes.

## HERITAGE

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

Alvi's Drift Blanc de Blanc sparkling wine is made entirely from Chardonnay grapes – a green-skinned grape variety that is one of the most-planted white grapes in the world.

Widely used in the production of white sparkling wines, Chardonnay is a varietal widely used in Champagne, France, the region where Blanc de Blanc sparkling wine originates from.

## AWARDS

2020 Silver Ultra Value Wine Challenge