



Directions to Alvi's Drift Winery: Scherpenheuvel, Worcester, Western Cape, South Africa

GPS Coordinates: 33°46'24.56"S 19°31'56.82E

From Cape Town, take the N1 direction Paarl. It will take you 1hr 20min from the Winelands One Stop service station. Drive past Paarl direction Worcester and travel through the tunnel. Toll will be R29 each way as of December 2013. Alternatively, if you have time, you can drive over the mountain and may see some baboons.

After going through the tunnel, you will find yourself emerging in Du Toitskloof which is a spectacular mountain valley. From the end of the tunnel, follow the road towards Worcester for 14km and turn right direction Rawsonville on the R101.

Follow the R101 direction Rawsonville for 6km, then turn right direction Rawsonville. Travel 1.3km to a 4 way stop in Rawsonville. Turn right at 4 way stop into van Riebeeck Street. Stay on this road through several 4 way stops and drive out of town without turning off anywhere. After 1km from the 4 way stop, you will drive over a bridge over a river. Another 500m and you will pass Goudini winery on your right, another 300m and you will go over another bridge.

Don't turn off the road. You will pass Merwida winery on your left 2.0km after the Goudini winery. There will be a big sweeping bend to the left and then one to the right. 8.6km after Merwida winery, you will turn left and go over a long bridge over the Breede river. From this turn off, in 3.1km, you turn right at the Boland Beer Distribution centre. You will travel through a small town called Avian Park and go through a pedestrian crossing and then a traffic light (which has been vandalised and is now a 4 way stop) in 1.2km. 3.0km after the traffic light, you will pass a rubbish dump on your right and then the turn off to Worcester on the left in another 300m.

Stay on the road and in 2.6km Aan de Doorns winery will be on your right and the road to Overhex on your left. Travel another 1.3km over a small hill and take the turn off to your left marked Scherpenheuvel, Elandia, Amathunzi Game Lodge and the Breede River Otter. There is no sign for Alvi's Drift.

At this stage, if the river is flooded, you will have to continue to the B. Flooded River Route below. We will inform you if the Drift is flooded.

A. Drift Not Flooded Route: Travel on this tar road until you cross over the river in 8.0km. Do not turn off anywhere. The road will change to dirt shortly before the river. Drive slowly in case there are bad potholes. As you go over the bridge, you are on Alvi's Drift, the river crossing build by the current owner's grandfather in 1928.

Continue 500m on the other side of the river and the road will change back to Tar. You will hit a "T" junction and need to turn right. You will see some buildings on the left, this is the Alfalfa Dairy which is also owned by the van der Merwe family.

After 1.1km, the road starts to sweep around to the right. At the start of this bend is the entrance to the Alvi's Drift winery. Please proceed up the driveway for 200m and stop at the courtyard. There will be a small bridge on your left and a large palm tree on your right.

B. Drift Flooded Route: If the Drift is flooded, you will need to continue on the R43, past the turn off to Scherpenheuvel, Elandia, Amathunzi Game Lodge and the Breede River Otter.

500m after the turn off, the road sweeps to the right and then to the left. After a short straight, it sweeps back to the right. There is a long straight which passes over a bridge over the Breede River. This bridge is 3.2km from the start of Route B.

500m after the bridge, you will see Cilmor Wines on your right, this is a large red brick building with a huge lawn in front of it. 4.2km after Cilmor Wines, take the turn to the left. This is the road to Brandvlei Cellar. This is a tar road. After 500m you will turn left onto a dirt road.

After 1.5km on the dirt road, you will see Reed's Country Lodge on your right, do not turn off of this dirt road until you reach Alvi's Drift Private Cellar.

2.3km after Reed's Country Lodge, you will see a farm house on your right with a sign saying Johan van der Merwe. The road will turn back to tar and 2.0km after Johan's house, you will see buildings on your right. This is Alvi's Drift Private Cellar. Take the first road in and the first buildings on your left are the offices.

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