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## TIM ATKIN MW RELEASES HIS 2020 SOUTH AFRICA REPORT

Tim Atkin is an award-winning wine writer and Master of Wine, with over 35 years' experience.

Tim was recently recognized as one of the most influential people in the wine industry and writes for a number of publications, including Harpers, Decanter, The World of Fine Wine, Gourmet Traveler Wine and The Drinks Business and is one of the world renowned "Three Wine Men"

Mr Atkin is recognized as a world authority on South African wine (among others) and has tenaciously raised the perception of South African wines internationally. He works actively with the South African wine industry to change international perception and has been instrumental in facilitating awareness and engagement around the crisis currently facing the South African wine industry. It is an exceptional honour to have our wines rated by him

This is what he had to say about South African wines this year- "Overall, I am extremely impressed with the quality of what I tasted in 2020, especially from the 2017 and 2019 vintages. 2017 in particular deserves its place among the best-ever Cape harvests, as good as and, in some cases, even better than 2015. Against formidable odds, South Africa is making some of the greatest wines in its history." What we have now is a constellation shining bright above us in the firmament, made up of more than 100 winemaking stars."

"This is my eighth South Africa report," comments Tim, "and it was very different in terms of its preparation to the previous seven. However, thanks to the help of Wines of South Africa and others, I was able to taste almost everything I needed to and talk to leading winemakers, viticulturists and industry figures."

1,381 wines tasted and 62 Zoom calls with winemakers replace usual month-long tour of the Cape to prepare the report.

*Worcester Wine Route is pleased to announce that Alvi's Drift received the following results:*

- **Alvi's Drift 221 Chenin Blanc 2019 – score 90**
- **Alvi's Drift Albertus Viljoen Limited Edition Chenin Blanc 2018 – score 91**
- **Alvi's Drift Brut Nature – score 90**
- **Alvi's Drift CVC 2018 – score 90**
- **Alvi's Drift Muscat de Frontignan 2014 – score 92 (Also Scored Best Value Fortified Wine of the Year)**
- **Alvi's Drift Verreux Pinotage 2017 – score 90**

