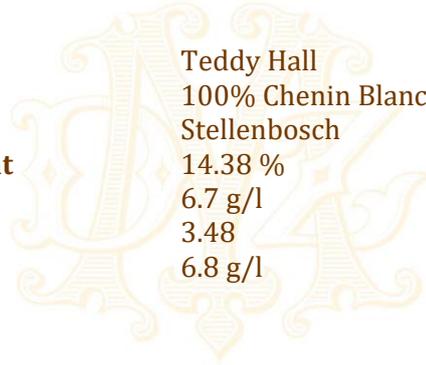




DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2005



Winemaker	Teddy Hall
Varietal blend	100% Chenin Blanc
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	14.38 %
TA	6.7 g/l
pH	3.48
RS	6.8 g/l



VINEYARDS

DeMorgenzon's Chenin Blanc comes from low-yielding vines planted in 1972, which were originally planted as bush vines but recently lifted onto trellises. The vines are planted in decomposed granite soils, at altitudes of 250 to 300 meters above sea level. Close proximity to False Bay ensures cooling breezes in the warm summer months.

VINTAGE

The DeMorgenzon Chenin Blanc 2005 hails from a hot vintage where phenolic ripeness reached higher than normal levels. This has resulted in a complex and textured wine with a full mouth feel and lingering after taste. It has a rich, honeyed yellow appearance and the nose has evolved to a well-integrated melange of yellow stone fruit, crème brûlée and all spice. The palate shows ripe yellow fruit, roasted almonds and hints of burnt caramel and finishes with a savoury note to balance the opulence of the vintage.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Bunch selection was done in the vineyard. The grapes were lightly crushed and the free-run juice was allowed to settle overnight. Only natural yeast was used in making this wine, using the indigenous micro flora on the grapes. The juice with the fluffy lees was then fermented in French oak barrels. Fermentation took place in a 14°C cellar but actual fermentation temperatures were not monitored. DeMorgenzon Chenin Blanc matured in barrel for eight months on the lees; thereafter it was racked, lightly filtered and bottled without being stabilized.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2005:

5 Star's *Platter's Wine Guide*
2007

TASTING NOTES

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