



## DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2010

<b>Winemaker</b>	Carl van der Merwe
<b>Varietal blend</b>	100% Chenin Blanc
<b>Appellation</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Alcohol content</b>	13.6%
<b>TA</b>	7.1 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.25
<b>RS</b>	6.6 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 grapes were handpicked and selected in the early morning at between 24.0° and 24.8° Balling. Only free-run juice used with acids above 7,0 g/l and pH's generally below 3,1.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> fill French oak barrels. Fermentation took place in a 14°C cellar but actual fermentation temperatures were not monitored. DeMorgenzon Chenin Blanc is matured in barrel for ten to twelve months on the lees; thereafter it was racked, stabilized, lightly filtered and bottled. We kept this wine for 8-10 months bottle maturation prior to release.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES 2010:

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### TASTING NOTES

Pale, bright gold. Gentle, yet powerful nose simply oozes with class. Notes of citrus, lime and honey with some toasty nuts and rich vanilla. Well weighted mouth with layers of flavour along the lines suggested by the nose. Lime and honey tend to show more with some time in the mouth. Smooth, effortless flow across the palate. Still has a fresh, lively acidity that highlights the flavours. Super drink now yet has all the potential to develop over the next three to five years. Or more

