



## DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2015

**Winemaker**  
**Varietal blend**  
**Appellation**  
**Alcohol content**  
**TA**  
**pH**  
**RS**

Carl van der Merwe  
100% Chenin Blanc  
Stellenbosch  
13.78 %  
6.4 g/l  
3.30  
2.2 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

2015 was a very early season with early flowering dates followed by rapid ripening in the early part of the summer. Weather conditions during the ripening period of the Chenin Blanc were cool to begin with, with very warm conditions close to harvest, however high time temperatures remained cool preserving acidity. Fruit quality was perfect with no disease. Optimally ripe fruit with a small percentage of raisins and no botrytis was harvested around 23<sup>rd</sup> balling.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

The grapes were picked in three different passes in order to achieve optimum ripeness and balance in the final wine. The grapes were handpicked in the early morning hours, with bunch selection done in the vineyard. Fruit was cooled down and then gently pressed, whole bunch, and the juice was settled overnight without the use of settling enzymes. Fermentation occurred naturally in French oak barrels (25% new), using indigenous yeasts. The wine was aged on its lees in barrel for 11 months, without any topping or batonage.

### TASTING NOTES

This show stopping white displays effusive aromas of white flower, stone fruit, honey and toast which erupt into opulent flavours of pear, orange blossom, caramel and spice. It's a world class wine offering that strikes a brilliant balance between lush fruit and crisp, mouth-watering acidity.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

#### 2015:

Chenin Blanc Trophy  
*International Wine and Spirits Competition 2016*  
Gold medal winner  
*International Wine Challenge 2016*

Gold medal winner *Decanter World Wine Awards 2016*  
95 points *Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2016*

#### 2014:

95 points *Christian Eedes WineMag.co.za*  
94 points *Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2015*  
91 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*

Standard Bank Top 10  
*Chenin Blanc Challenge*  
Bacchus Trophy *Taj Classic Wine Trophy Awards*  
International Chenin Blanc Trophy *International Wine Challenge 2015*  
South African Chenin Blanc

#### 2013:

94 points *James Molesworth Wine Spectator*  
94 points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2014*  
92 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*

Bacchus Trophy *Taj Classic Wine Trophy Awards*  
Platinum SAWi 2014  
Double Gold *Michelangelo International Awards 2014*

#### 2012

Silver medal *International Wine Challenge 2013*



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