



## DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2009

<b>Winemaker</b>	Stefan Gerber
<b>Varietal blend</b>	100% Chenin Blanc
<b>Appellation</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Alcohol content</b>	14.2%
<b>TA</b>	6.6 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.1
<b>RS</b>	8.1 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. The yield was 1.5 tons per hectare.

### 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. De Morgenzon Chenin Blanc matured in barrel for eight months on the lees; thereafter it was raked, lightly filtered and bottled without being stabilized. 6080 bottles were made.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES 2009:

Top 100 Wines of the World  
*Wine Spectator 2011*

### 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 sometime 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 two to three years. Or more!



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