



SAUVIGNON BLANC



## DeMorgenzon DMZ Sauvignon Blanc 2016

<b>Winemaker</b>	Carl van der Merwe
<b>Varietal blend</b>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<b>Appellation</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Alcohol content</b>	13.5%
<b>TA</b>	6.1 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.29
<b>RS</b>	2.1 g/l

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

#### 2016:

89 Points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2017*

89 Points Neal Martin for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 2016

#### 2015:

Platter's 4 Stars, *Platter's Wine Guide 2017*

#### 2014:

89 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2015*

89 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*

87 points *Wine Advocate*

#### 2013:

Grand Gold *SAWi 2014*

#### 2012:

Top 10 *FNB Sauvignon Blanc Awards*

88 points *Wine Spectator*

### VINEYARDS

The fruit for DMZ Sauvignon Blanc is selected from premium trellised vineyards located on cool slopes of the Bottelary Hills in the Stellenboschkloof. Weathered granite soils and cooling ocean breezes create ideal ripening conditions for Sauvignon Blanc.

### VINTAGE

Conditions in 2016 were hot and dry resulting in a rapid harvest. Care had to be taken to harvest as quickly as possible, in an effort to preserve the grape's natural acid and freshness. Due to the dry conditions, the crop quality was excellent, although yields were lower than usual, averaging at around 6 tons per hectare

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Grapes were gently de-stemmed and lightly pressed, and the juice was treated carefully with minimal exposure to oxygen. It was cold settled overnight without the use of enzymes, then inoculated with selected yeasts, to preserve fruit flavours during fermentation. A long cool fermentation was followed by extended time on the lees with periodic lees stirring to ensure texture and flavour marriage.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine has a pale, bright gold colour with green reflections. Upfront aromatics of passion fruit and citrus greet the nose following through to a rich palate yielding ripe fruit flavours with a nettle edge. A brisk acidity and stony minerality give natural freshness and length.



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