



SAUVIGNON BLANC



DeMorgenzon DMZ Sauvignon Blanc 2017

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	100% Sauvignon Blanc
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	13.96%
TA	6.0 g/l
pH	3.36
RS	3.4 g/l

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2017

TBC

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*

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

2017 was another hot and dry vintage in the Cape. Although the day time temperatures were warm, evening temperatures were much cooler than normal resulting in wines with incredible weight and texture, yet with great acidity and length. The dryness of the season resulted in minimal disease pressure with fruit arriving at the winery in very good condition.

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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