



## DeMorgenzon Maestro White 2012

<b>Winemaker</b>	Carl van der Merwe
<b>Varietal blend</b>	31% Chenin Blanc 24% Chardonnay 23% Roussanne 22% Viognier
<b>Appellation</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Alcohol content</b>	14.33%
<b>TA</b>	6.4 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.3
<b>RS</b>	3.1g/l

### VINEYARDS

Vertical shoot positioned vineyards allow for optimum ripening and ideal sunlight exposure of fruit. There is a good exposure of slopes to cooling Southern breezes off False Bay. Vineyards are established on slopes with soils of weathered granite and sandstone. Yields are controlled to between 7 and 8 tons per hectare.

### VINTAGE

The 2012 vintage allowed for very good ripening of fruit. There was a short heat wave in early February which hastened the ripening of the Chardonnay, but the rest of the components managed the heat wave and were then able to ripen in very good conditions. Oidium pressure was high in 2012 resulting in some fruit loss of the highly susceptible cultivar, Roussanne, necessitating hand selection in the vineyards of healthy fruit.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

The DeMorgenzon Maestro White 2012 was whole bunch pressed and chilled before pressing. Then it was naturally fermented in small French oak barrels, and the varieties were kept separate. It was then aged for 11 months and blended after separate ageing for 8 months. It was further aged in a barrel and lastly left on the lees in cement eggs for a further three months. Light filtration and fining took place before bottling.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES 2012

White Wine of the Year  
*Platter's Guide 2014*  
Platter's 5 stars *Platter's Guide 2014*  
Gold Medal *Decanter World Wine Awards 2013*  
Best White Blend under £15  
Regional Trophy *Decanter World Wine Awards 2013*  
92 points *Neal Martin for Wine Advocate*

### TASTING NOTES

The nose and palate, shows concentrated orange and yellow stone fruits, with hints of spice, zesty citrus and blossoms. The palate is full, textured and very nuanced with a lingering after taste.



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