



DeMorgenzon Maestro White 2014

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	26% Roussanne 25% Chardonnay 19% Grenache Blanc 17% Chenin Blanc 13% Viognier
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	14%
TA	5.8 g/l
pH	3.39
RS	2.9 g/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

2014 was a cooler than normal year with high levels of rainfall in spring and early summer. Higher than normal crop levels were carefully managed to ensure correct balance. Some selective harvesting and careful bunch sorting in the cellar was necessary to ensure only the best bunches were selected for the Maestro Range.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Grape varieties were picked across a range of different ripeness levels, sorted and whole bunch pressed after pre chilling. Fermentation occurred naturally in small French oak barrels and cement eggs. Total ageing was 10 months from vintage with blending occurring after 8 months. A light filtration and fining took place before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

The nose shows notes of concentrated orange and yellow stone fruits, with a hint of spice, citrus and blossoms. The palate is full-bodied, textured and nuanced with a lingering after taste.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2014

94 points *Cape White Blend Report 2016*
93 points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2015*
92 points *Neal Martin Wine Advocate*
90+ points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*
Best White Blend under £15
International Trophy *Decanter World Wine Awards 2013*

2013

Platter's 5 stars *Platter's Guide 2015*
Grand Gold *SAWi 2014*
93 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*
92 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2014*
90 points *Neal Martin for Wine Advocate*
90 points *James Molesworth Wine Spectator*

2012

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



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