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DE MORGENZON
GARDEN VINEYARDS
ROSÉ



DeMorgenzon Garden Vineyards Rosé 2016

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	50% Grenache 29% Mourvèdre 21% Syrah
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	13.5%
TA	5.2g/L
pH	3.25
RS	1.8 g/L

VINEYARDS

These Syrah, Grenache and Mourvèdre vineyards are situated on the farm DeMorgenzon in the Stellenboschkloof. Trellised vineyards are managed to ensure natural high acidity and full flavour concentration. Fruiting zones are managed to encourage sunlight exposure onto the grapes allowing grapes to be harvested earlier with a lower sugar level and good flavour development.

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. The grapes were handpicked and selected in the early morning at between 21° and 22° Balling.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Bunch selection was done in the vineyard. Grapes were partially whole bunch pressed, the balance de-stemmed and the juice left for 2-3 hours of skin contact before being drained, blended and fermented. This elegant style wine was partially matured in old oak barrels for a few months for added complexity and body.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2016:

Platter's 3 Stars, *Platters Wine Guide 2017*

2014:

88 points, *Tim Atkin MW South African Report 2015*

TASTING NOTES

Moderate blush tones. This crowd pleasing rosé displays alluring aromas and juicy flavours of cherries and strawberry nose, followed by crispy summer fruit salad palate. The pallet is accented with delicate floral and spice nuances. The balance is perfect ending dry and crisp enticing you to take another sip!

