



DeMorgenzon Maestro White 2017

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	25% Roussanne 24% Chenin Blanc 23% Grenache Blanc 14% Chardonnay 14% Viognier
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	14.32%
TA	5.1g/l
pH	3.49
RS	3.0g/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

2017 was another hot and dry vintage in the Cape. Although the daytime 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

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

2017

Platter's 4.5 stars *Platters Guide 2019*

2016

94 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018*

2015

92 Points *Wine Enthusiast Magazine & #98 on Wine Enthusiast Top 100 List 2017*
95 Points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2016*
92 Points *Cape White Blends Report 2016*

2014:

93 points *Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2015*
94 Points *Cape White Blends Report 2016*

92 points *Neal Martin Wine Advocate*

Best White Blend under £15
International Trophy Decanter 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*

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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