



CHENIN BLANC



DeMorgenzon DMZ Chenin Blanc 2019

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	100% Chenin Blanc
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	14.35%
TA	5.6 g/l
pH	3.4
RS	2.81 g/l

VINEYARDS

Old bush vineyards grown on weathered granite and sandstone are selected in cool areas of Stellenbosch with a good exposure to cooling sea breezes. Fruit is allowed to ripen to optimum ripeness and generally harvested once the fruit has attained a light-yellow hue.

VINTAGE

2019 was a cooler vintage than the previous hot and dry years, Whilst the vineyards benefited from decent winter rainfall there were some latent stress effects from the previous year's drought conditions. This resulted in some uneven budding and careful harvesting was necessary to achieve a total pick of optimum ripeness. Cool conditions during the early part of the ripening resulted in high acidities and low pH, resulting in wines that are fresh, precise and bright.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Pre-cooled fruit is lightly destemmed and crushed, followed by a short skin contact. Free run and medium press components are combined with hard press fractions kept separate. Fermentation occurs naturally with wild yeasts in a combination of stainless steel tank and old French oak barrels. The final blend is made up after 4-6 months of ageing on the lees then lightly filtered and stabilized for bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Green apple, apricot, peach, hints of honey and floral aromas characterize a fresh and upfront nose. The palate is rich and well-integrated with a lingering aftertaste.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2018

90 points Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018

2017

90 Points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2017*

Platter's 4 ½ Stars, *Platter's Wine Guide 2018*

2016

89 Points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2016*

86 Points Neal Martin for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 2016

Platter's 4 Stars, *Platter's Wine Guide 2017*

2015

Platter's 4 Stars, *Platter's Wine Guide 2017*

89 points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2015*

2014

90 points *Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2015*

89 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*

Commended *Decanter 2015*

Commended *International Wine Challenge 2015*



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