



## DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2017

**Winemaker**  
**Varietal blend**  
**Appellation**  
**Alcohol content**  
**TA**  
**pH**  
**RS**

Carl van der Merwe  
100% Chenin Blanc  
Stellenbosch  
14.40 %  
5.9 g/l  
3.34  
3.7 g/l

### VINEYARDS

DeMorgenzon's Chenin Blanc comes from low-yielding vines planted in 1972, which were originally planted as bush vines but recently lifted onto trellises. The vines are planted in decomposed granite soils, at altitudes of 250 to 300 meters above sea level. Close proximity to False Bay ensures cooling breezes in the warm summer months.

### VINTAGE

2017 was another hot and dry vintage in the Cape. Although the day time 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. The grapes were handpicked and selected in the early morning at between 22.5° and 23.5° Balling.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

The grapes were picked in three different passes in order to achieve optimum ripeness and balance in the final wine. The grapes were handpicked in the early morning hours, with bunch selection done in the vineyard. Fruit was cooled down and then gently pressed, whole bunch, and the juice was settled overnight without the use of settling enzymes. Fermentation occurred naturally in French oak barrels (20% new), using indigenous yeasts, with about 20% of the volume completing malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged on its lees in barrel for 10 months, without batonage.

### TASTING NOTES

This show stopping white displays effusive aromas of white flower, stone fruit, honey and toast which erupt into opulent flavours of pear, orange blossom, caramel and spice. It's a world class wine offering that strikes a brilliant balance between lush fruit and crisp, mouth-watering acidity.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

#### 2017

The 50 most exciting wines of 2018  
*Decanter Magazine*

95 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018*

92 points *Neal Martin for Vinous Platinum Decanter World Wine Awards 2018*

Gold medal *Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2018*

Top 10 *Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge 2018*

#### 2016:

International Chenin Blanc Trophy and Gold medal *International Wine Challenge 2017*

95 Points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2017*

93 points *Neal Martin of Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 2016*

Top 10 *Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge 2017*

#### 2015:

International Chenin Blanc Trophy and Gold medal *International Wine Challenge 2016*

Chenin Blanc Trophy *International Wine and Spirits Competition 2016*

Gold medal *Decanter World Wine Awards 2016*

95 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2016*

Top 10 *Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge 2016*

#### 2014:

94 points *Tim Atkin MW South African Report 2015*

Top 10 *Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Challenge 2015*

91 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*



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