



DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2018

Winemaker
Varietal blend
Appellation
Alcohol content
TA
pH
RS

Carl van der Merwe
100% Chenin Blanc
Stellenbosch
14.28 %
6.0 g/l
3.29
3.8 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

2018 was dry vintage in the Cape. Thunderstorms in early spring added a lot of Nitrogen to the soils resulting in very healthy canopies entering the growing season. The daytime temperatures during the ripening period were cooler than what was experienced in the very hot 2016 and 2017 vintages, with relatively cool evenings. Conditions were very dry though, with vine stress management being key to success. Fruit harvesting tended to be very early in 2018, with a focus on bringing fruit into the winery with lower sugar levels and lower pH levels.

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

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2018

Gold Medal *Decanter World Wine Awards 2018*

2017

The 50 most exciting wines of 2018
Decanter Magazine

95 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018*

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*

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*

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*

95 points *Christian Eedes WineMag.co.za*

International Chenin Blanc Trophy
International Wine Challenge 2015 Wine Cellar

International Chenin Blanc Trophy
International Wine Challenge 2015

2013:

94 points *James Molesworth Wine Spectator*

94 points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2014*

