



## DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2019

<b>Winemaker</b>	Carl van der Merwe
<b>Varietal blend</b>	100% Chenin Blanc
<b>Appellation</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Alcohol content</b>	14.09%
<b>TA</b>	5.6 g/l
<b>pH</b>	3.37
<b>RS</b>	2.5 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

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

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

#### 2019

Gold & Regional Trophy *International Wine Challenge 2020*

95 Points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2020*

Silver *Old Mutual Trophy Wine Show 2020*

Top 10 Winner *Standard Bank Chenin Blanc Top Ten Challenge 2020*

#### 2018

Gold Medal *Decanter World Wine Awards 2019*

Best White Wine and Chenin Blanc 95 Points *WineMag Prescient Top 20 Wines 2020*

95 Points *Tim Atkin MW's South Africa Report 2019*

#### 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*

