



CHARDONNAY



DeMorgenzon DMZ Chardonnay 2020

Cellar Master
Appellation
Alcohol content
TA
pH
RS

Carl van der Merwe
Stellenbosch
13,81 %
6,1g/l
3.38
3,1 g/l

VINEYARDS

The vines used to produce DMZ Chardonnay are selected from premium sites in Stellenbosch at elevations ranging between 100 to 300 meters above sea level. Close proximity to the ocean provides a beneficial cooling effect. Weathered granite and sandstone soils contribute minerality and freshness, respectively.

VINTAGE

On the back of a cold and wet winter, the 2020 growing season began very early, with homogenous budburst and even shoot growth. Summer was relatively mild, without the heatwaves often experienced in the Cape. The resultant crop retained high levels of natural acidity and abundant concentration of flavour. Particularly exceptional are the white wines of 2020, whilst the reds display early promise thanks to intense colour and tannin concentration.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Each vineyard parcel was fermented separately, using a combination of natural yeast and careful inoculation. Of the grapes, 25% were left as whole bunch and 75% were lightly crushed and the juice was allowed to settle overnight. The wine was aged on its lees in a combination of stainless steel and French oak barrels. Malolactic fermentation commenced naturally in the barrel components but was blocked for those in stainless steel. After 7 months the final wine was before being stabilized, lightly filtered, and bottled.

TASTING NOTES

A classic example of fine Stellenbosch Chardonnay, this wine shows stone fruit aromas of nectarine and peach with subtle citrus hints and creamy oak. The palate has bright acidity and limey freshness, but delivers rich texture and a chalky, mineral length.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2019
90 points Tim Atkin MW
South Africa Report 2020
4 Stars Platter Wine Guide 2020

2018
90 points Tim Atkin MW
South Africa Report 2019

2017
91 points Tim Atkin MW
South Africa Report 2018
4 Stars Platter's Wine Guide 2018



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