



SYRAH



DeMorgenzon DMZ Syrah 2018

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	100% Syrah
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	14.4 %
TA	4.7 g/l
pH	3.69
RS	1.86 g/l

VINEYARDS

These vineyards are situated on the farm DeMorgenzon in the Stellenboschkloof. Soils are mostly weathered granite which gives the resultant wines a natural exuberance and youthful vigour. Planted in 2004 the trellised vineyard is managed to ensure natural high acidity and full flavour concentration. The yield was 8 tons per hectare.

VINTAGE

Whilst 2018 was dry in the Cape, the daytime temperatures during the ripening period were cooler than what was experienced in the very hot 2016 and 2017 vintages. The resultant harvest began very early with a focus on bringing fruit into the winery with lower sugar levels and lower pH levels

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Grapes were hand-harvested and destalked into stainless steel fermentation tanks, allowing for a small percentage of whole bunches. Spontaneous fermentation followed, with temperatures ranging between 22°C and 27°C, and the use of gentle punch-downs to extract colour and tannin from the skins. With the completion of malolactic fermentation, the wine was transferred to small French oak barrels, 3000L Foudres and cement tanks where it matured for 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

Deep, purple core. Rich, berry fruit aromas with lots of ripe, red plum and whiffs of white pepper. Some floral notes in the background, including violets, lavender, and spring blossoms. The palate displays dark fruit flavours, revealing white pepper, cinnamon, clove and vanilla spice. Gentle oak integration bodes well for a long and graceful bottle maturation of this wine.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2018

91 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2020*

2017

4 Stars *Platter's Wine Guide 2019 & 2020*

2016

93 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018*

Silver Medal *International Wine Challenge 2018*

4 Stars *Platter's Wine Guide 2019*



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