



## DeMorgenzon Maestro Red 2016

<b>Winemaker</b>	Carl van der Merwe
<b>Varietal blend</b>	39% Cabernet Sauvignon 38% Merlot 13% Cabernet Franc 10% Malbec
<b>Appellation</b>	Stellenbosch
<b>Alcohol content</b>	14.40%
<b>TA</b>	5.2 g/l
<b>Ph</b>	3.59
<b>RS</b>	1.9 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. The trellised vineyards are managed to ensure natural high acidity and full flavour concentration.

### VINTAGE

Conditions in 2016 were hot and dry resulting in a rapid harvest. Care had to be taken to harvest as quickly as possible, in an effort to preserve the grape's natural acid and freshness. Due to the dry conditions, the crop quality was excellent, although yields were lower than usual, averaging at around 6 tons per hectare. The grapes were handpicked and selected in the early morning at between 21° and 22° Balling.

### VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Fruit was carefully hand sorted and naturally fermented, whole berry. Post fermentation maceration was allowed for two weeks, followed by gentle pressing. Maturation was for a total of 18 months in French oak, in a selection of 300 litre casks and 3000 litre Foudres. The wine was bottled with minimal fining and a minimal filtration.

### TASTING NOTES

This wine has notes of cassis with rich, red fruit, dried herbs, perfume and plums on the nose. The palate is soft and silky with integrated flavours of cigar box and black fruit.

### AWARDS & ACCOLADES

#### 2016

93 Points *International Wine Challenge 2018*  
91 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018*  
90 points *Winemag Cape Bordeaux Blends Report 2018*

#### 2015

93 Points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2017*

#### 2014

91 Points *Neal Martin for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 2016*

Best Stellenbosch Red

*International Wine Challenge 2015*

#### 2013

91 points *Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2015*

#### 2011

Top 6 Bordeaux Style Red Blend *Classic Wine 2014*

91 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2014*

89 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*

Silver Medal *Decanter World Wine Awards 2013*

Silver Medal *International Wine Challenge 2013*

Silver Medal *International*



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