



DeMorgenzon The Divas Chenin Blanc 2020

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	100% Chenin Blanc
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	13.84%
TA	6.7 g/l
pH	3.38
RS	2.0 g/l

VINEYARDS

The Divas Chenin Blanc is selected from a special parcel of low-yielding vines planted in 1972 on DeMorgenzon. 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. The Divas is selected from the most balanced vines of this grand old vineyard. In 2018 a massal selection of genetic material from The Divas vines was collected and sent away for multiplication. The progeny of these grand old dames will be planted in DeMorgenzon's future plantings of Chenin Blanc, to secure a unique provenance for DeMorgenzon Chenin Blanc.

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

The grapes were picked in two different passes from a particular part of the old vineyard. The grapes were handpicked in the early morning hours, with bunch selection done in the vineyard, and a final selection in the winery. 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 (40% new), using indigenous yeasts, with no malolactic fermentation. The wine was aged on its lees in barrel for 10,5 months, without batonage, followed by a further ageing in concrete egg for 6 months, before being bottled without filtration.

TASTING NOTES 2020

A wine of incredible density and precision. A hint of yellow suggests sun ripened berries, with a bright green hue promising freshness. Aromas of lime blossom, white peach, caramel and brioche are followed by a poised palate with an extremely concentrated core. This is a great wine that will reward decades of cellaring. A true statement of DeMorgenzon's dedication to excellence.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2020

96 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2021*

2017:

Chenin Blanc of the Year and Platters 5 Stars *Platters Wine Guide 2019*

98 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2018*

2013:

The Divas Chenin Blanc 2013 was presented at Wine Spectator's New York Wine Experience 2016 to a standing



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