

DE MORGENZON

STELLENBOSCH

RESERVE CHENIN BLANC 2020



CELLAR MASTER	Carl van der Merwe
VARIETAL BLEND	100% Chenin Blanc
APPELLATION	Stellenbosch
ALCOHOL CONTENT	13,91 %
TA	5,8g/l
PH	3.56
RS	2,4 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

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 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.



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