

DMZ SYRAH, DEMORGENZON

2014





### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

| Alcohol | Residual sugar |  |  |  |
|---------|----------------|--|--|--|
| 14.2    | 2.1            |  |  |  |
| рН      | Acidity        |  |  |  |
| 3.55    | 5.2            |  |  |  |

ATTRIBUTES



With the DMZ range, DeMorgenzon aim to produce classic, elegant, well-balanced wines that overdeliver in terms of quality for price.

### TASTING NOTE

Deep, purple core with a rich, berry fruit nose with lots of ripe red plum and whiffs of white pepper. Some floral notes in the background, including violets, lavender and spring blossoms. Full in the mouth with tremendous youthful vigour and layers of berry fruit with developing spices of pepper, cinnamon, clove and vanilla. Gentle oak integration shows and supports the elegance and roundness at this early age.

## VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2014 was a great year at DeMorgenzon. Vines entered the growing season with excellent potential for growth following good winter rains. Weather conditions during the ripening season were hot and dry, resulting in concentrated wines with depth and complexity.

# VINIFICATION DETAILS

The Syrah was manually harvested and destalked into stainless steel fermentation tanks. A small percentage of bunches were fermented without destalking. Natural fermentation followed with a slight extended maceration on the skins to stabilise the colour and give the wine palate length. Fermentation temperatures were managed between 22°C and 27°C with a combination of punch downs and gentle pump overs to extract colour and flavour from the skins. After fermentation the wine was pressed off the skins and malolactic fermentation was completed in barrel. The wine spent a further 12 months in small French oak barrels, 3000L foudre barrels and cement tanks (total 10% new wood).

### AWARDS

IWC 2017: Silver



| Winemaker          | Fining Agent | Closure   | Region       | Vegan |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------|
| Carl van der Merwe |              | Screw top | Stellenbosch | Blank |