



## RESERVE CHENIN BLANC, DEMORGENZON

Vintage

2018



DeMorgenzon's Reserve Chenin Blanc comes from low-yielding vines that were planted in 1972 in decomposed granite soils.

### TASTING NOTE

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 that strikes a brilliant balance between lush fruit and crisp, mouth-watering acidity.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

2018 was a dry vintage in the Cape. Thunderstorms in early spring added a lot of nitrogen to the soils resulting in very healthy canopies going into the growing season. The daytime temperatures during the ripening period were cooler than those experienced in the very hot 2016 and 2017 vintages, with relatively cool evenings. Conditions were very dry though, with vine stress management being key to success. Fruit harvesting tended to be very early in 2018, with a focus on bringing fruit into the winery with lower sugar levels and lower pH levels.

### TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Alcohol	Residual sugar
14.3	3.8
pH	Acidity
3.29	6.0

### VINIFICATION DETAILS

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 any bâtonnage.

### AWARDS

Neil Martin: 93 pts

### ATTRIBUTES

 Origin South Africa	 Variety Chenin Blanc	 Malolactic Fermentation Yes	 Bottle Size 75cl	 Vegetarian No
 Winemaker Carl van der Merwe	 Fining Agent Isinglass	 Closure Cork	 Region Stellenbosch	 Vegan No