



RESERVE CHENIN BLANC

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Pale, bright gold. Gentle, yet powerful nose simply oozes with class. Notes of citrus, lime and honey with some toasty nuts and rich vanilla. Well weighted mouth with layers of flavor along the lines suggested by the nose. Lime and honey tend to show more with some time in the mouth. Smooth, effortless flow across the palate. Still has a fresh, lively acidity that highlights the flavors. Super drink now yet has all the potential to develop over the next two to three years. Or more!

Technical Detail

Alcohol	14.06 %vol
pH	3.23
RS	5.03 g/l
Total acid	6.09 g/l
Appellation	Stellenbosch

In the Vineyard

These Chenin Blanc vineyards are situated on the farm De Morgenzon in the Stellenbosch kloof. Planted in 1971 the trellised vineyard is managed to ensure natural high acidity and full flavor concentration. The yield was 5,8 (30hl/ha - only free-run juice used) tons per hectare.

The Harvest

The grapes were handpicked and selected in the early morning at between 24.0° and 24.8° Balling. The yield was 5,8 (30hl/ha - only free-run juice used) tons per hectare with acids above 7,0 g/l and pH's generally below 3,1.

In the Cellar

Bunch selection was done in the vineyard. The grapes were lightly crushed and the free-run juice was allowed to settle overnight. Only natural yeast was used in making this wine, using the indigenous micro flora on the grapes. The juice with the fluffy lees was then fermented in French oak barrels. Fermentation took place in a 14°C cellar but actual fermentation temperatures were not monitored. De Morgenzon Chenin Blanc matured in barrel for eight months on the lees; thereafter it was racked, lightly filtered and bottled without being stabilized. 6080 bottles were made.

Ageing Potential

This wine is drinking very well now, will improve over the next four years and should last for many more to come

ACCOLADES

DMZ Chenin Blanc 2005 Spar Tops Chenin Blanc 2006 4½ stars

DMZ Chenin Blanc 2005 John Platter Guide 2007 5 stars

DMZ Chenin Blanc 2006 John Platter Guide 2007 4 stars

Robert Parker 91 points rating

Wine Spectator 90 points rating

Runner up in Wine magazine Chenin Blanc Challenge



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