

## DeMorgenzon Reserve Chenin Blanc 2010

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 !

**variety :** Chenin Blanc | 100% Chenin Blanc

**winery :** De Morgenzon

**winemaker :** Stefan Gerber

**wine of origin :** Stellenbosch

**analysis :** alc : 13.60 % vol    rs : 6.6 g/l    pH : 3.25    ta : 7.1 g/l

**type :** White    **style :** Dry    **body :** Full    **taste :** Fragrant    **wooded**

**pack :** Bottle    **size :** 0    **closure :** Cork

**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.

**about 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.

