

Morgenster White Reserve 2011

Colour: Sparkling, royal gold, with green hue.

Nose: Starting off ripe and fresh, with notes of rock melon, papaya and litchi followed by aromas of flinty, gravelly, fresh wet earth.

Palate: Very well poised, perfectly integrated oaking with balanced ripeness and minerality playing off each other. Melt in your mouth acidity with great staying power adds a well crafted focus and length.

Delicious on its own and a perfect partner to food, this white will be a lunch and book club hostess' delight, taking the ladies from starters through to milk tart with maximum enjoyment in between.

variety : Sauvignon Blanc | 55% Sauvignon Blanc, 45% Semillon

winery : Morgenster Estate

winemaker : Henry Kotzé

wine of origin :

analysis : alc : 13.32 % vol rs : 3.1 g/l pH : 3.28 ta : 7.1 g/l

type : White **style** : Dry **body** : Medium **taste** : Mineral **wooded**

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

Tim Atkin 2013: 91 points

Classic Wine 2013: Top 6

Old Mutual Trophy Show 2012: Silver

John Platter 2012: 4½ stars

ageing : The wine has all the makings of a great partner to the Morgenster Bordeaux blends in terms of ageability and the Estate is looking forward to its development in future years. Some 3000 bottles are available.

in the vineyard : December 2010 was the windiest in 50 years, contributing to drying out of the vineyards. 2011 started out very dry with no rain falling in the New Year and very little after veraison. This required close monitoring of stress levels of the vines. Higher stress levels were maintained and irrigation was only done in extreme cases.

Vineyards: Stellenbosch
Region: Helderberg ward

in the cellar : Winemaker Henry Kotzé followed the same principles of what people expect to find in a Morgenster Red Blend: elegance in concentration, complexity and longevity.

New oak 30%. 5th Fill 70%.

The wine spent 8 months in small barriques.

