

DeMorgenzon Maestro Red 2014

This wine has notes of cassis with rich, red fruit, dried herbs, perfume and plums on the nose. The palate is soft and silky with integrated flavours of cigar box and black fruit.

variety : Cabernet Sauvignon | 45% Cabernet Sauvignon, 24% Malbec, 16% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

winery : De Morgenzon

winemaker : Carl van der Merwe

wine of origin : Stellenbosch

analysis : alc : 14.0 % vol rs : 1.8 g/l pH : 3.47 ta : 6.0 g/l

type : Red **style :** Dry **wooded**

pack : Bottle **size :** 750ml **closure :** Cork

2013:

91 points Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2015

2011:

Classic Wine 2014 : Top 6 Bordeaux Style Red Blend

Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2014 - 91 points

Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar - 89 points

Decanter 2013 - Silver

International Wine Challenge 2013 - Silver

International Wine & Spirit Competition 2013 - Silver

in the vineyard :

These vineyards are situated on the farm DeMorgenzon in the Stellenboschkloof. Soils are mostly weathered granite which gives the resultant wines a natural exuberance and youthful vigour. The trellised vineyards are managed to ensure natural high acidity and full flavour concentration.

Vintage

2014 was a difficult year in that early season rains persisted throughout the spring and early summer. Disease pressure was high and vigilance was needed to ensure fruit health. Bordeaux varieties benefit from longer hang times and the higher moisture levels in the soils allowed for this. Removing leaves in the fruit zone allowed for sufficient sunlight penetration and the result was optimally ripe fruit with very soft tannins.

about the harvest: Fruit was carefully hand sorted.

in the cellar : The grapes naturally fermented, whole berry. Post fermentation maceration was allowed for two and a half weeks, followed by gentle pressing. Maturation was for a total of 18 months in French oak, in a selection of 300 litre casks and 3000 litre Foudres. The wine was bottled with no fining and a minimal filtration.

