



DeMorgenzon Maestro Red 2015

Winemaker	Carl van der Merwe
Varietal blend	42% Cabernet Sauvignon 29% Merlot 15% Malbec 10% Petit Verdot 4% Cabernet Franc
Appellation	Stellenbosch
Alcohol content	14%
TA	5.6 g/l
Ph	3.6
RS	1.8 g/l

VINEYARDS

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

2015 was one of the earliest vintages on record and careful attention had to be paid in the vineyards to ensure ripe fruit was harvested. This was achieved through effective crop thinning and selective harvest. Soil moisture levels had to be managed to extend the ripening as late as possible. Disease pressure was low and fruit health and fruit concentration was excellent. The earlier vintage resulted in more prominent tannins, hence the extraction in the winery was adjusted accordingly.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION

Fruit was carefully hand sorted and naturally fermented, whole berry. Post fermentation maceration was allowed for two 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 minimal fining and a minimal filtration.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

2015

93 Points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2017*

2014

91 Points *Neal Martin for Robert Parker's Wine Advocate 2016*

Best Stellenbosch Red
International Wine Challenge 2015

2013

91 points *Tim Atkin MW's South African Report 2015*

2011

Top 6 Bordeaux Style Red Blend
Classic Wine 2014
91 points *Tim Atkin MW South Africa Report 2014*

89 points *Stephen Tanzer's Wine Cellar*

Silver Medal *Decanter World Wine Awards 2013*

Silver Medal *International Wine Challenge 2013*

Silver Medal *International Wine & Spirit Competition 2013*

TASTING NOTES

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.