VINEYARDS:
The fruit for DMZ Chardonnay is selected from premium trellised vineyards in the
Western Cape at elevations of 328-656 feet above sea level, most with the cooling
effects of the close proximity to the ocean. Components from weathered granite
and sandstone soils in Stellenbosch, Durbanville and Elgin Valley all contribute to
the elegance and minerality, as well as a fresh citrus and yellow apple character.

VINTAGE:
Good winter rains combined with ideal conditions around flowering resulted in an
excellent 2014 crop, with greater than average yields. Persistent light rain post
flowering and throughout the early part of the growing season delayed harvest
somewhat but allowed vines to ripen fruit slowly, without any heat stress. A warm
and dry February provided excellent harvest conditions for early-picked whites. Good
natural acidity, freshness and elegance are indicative of the cool ripening season.

VINIFICATION AND MATURATION:
The grapes were handpicked, with bunch selection done in the vineyard. Each
vineyard parcel was fermented separately, using both inoculated and indigenous
yeast cultures. The wine was aged on its lees in a combination of stainless steel
and French oak barrels, with regular suspension of the lees. A small percentage of
malolactic fermentation was allowed. After four months, the various parcels were
blended, then aged for a further three months before being stabilized and bottled.

TASTING NOTES:
DMZ is DeMorgenzon’s value label, where the objective is to produce classic, elegant, well-balanced wines
that over-deliver in terms of quality for price. Enticing citrus and tropical fruit
aromas lead to a lush, concentrated palate. Ripe notes of peach, pineapple
and apple are tinged with delicate hints of vanilla, butterscotch, caramel
and toast, all backed by a vibrant acidity and a beautiful minerally edge.

Accolades
90 points “Best Buy” Wine & Spirits,
88 points Wine Advocate,
88 points Stephen Tanzer,
88 points Wine Spectator

Certifications
Biodiversity & Wine Initiative (BWI)
Member, Integrated Production of Wines (IPW) Certified

Winemaker
Carl van der Merwe

Varietal Blend
100% Chardonnay

Location
South Africa

Appellation
Western Cape

Alcohol Content
14%

TA
6.2 g/l

pH
3.28

RS
2.4 g/l