



2010 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

WINEMAKER:	Camilo Viani
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	87% Cabernet Franc, 6% Malbec, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION:	12-14 months in 100% French oak (20% new barrels)
ANALYSIS:	13.7% alc/vol TA: 3.30 g/L pH: 3.62

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc come from ten-year-old vines in Chilcas' Rio Bonito block located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountain range). The valley is geographically diverse with a Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation. The lack of rainfall after winter enables Chilcas to have a better control of the plant vigor, keeps the grape berries small, and helps the bunches to ripen uniformly. Yields were less than two tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the second week of May and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for four days followed by a warm ferment lasting five weeks and punch downs took place three to four times daily. The wine matured for 12-14 months in French oak barrels.

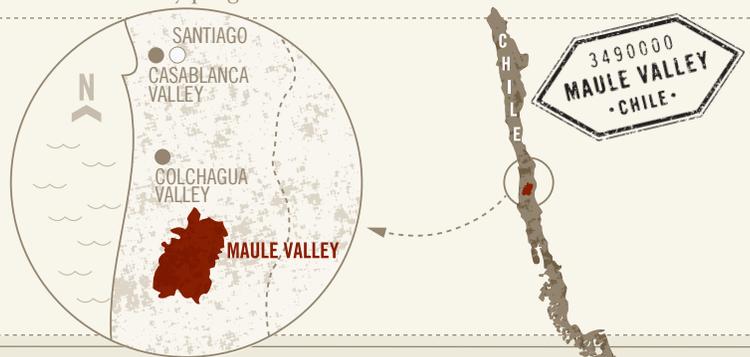
TASTING NOTES:

Clean and bright, with an outstanding deep ruby-red color. The nose is intense, with notable fruit aromas of strawberry, black cherry, and blueberry accompanied by spicy aromas that recall bay leaf, white pepper, and an interesting hint of tobacco. The voluminous palate has smooth, elegant tannins and a tremendously long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed.

ABOUT CHILCAS:

Nestled in the foothills of the Andes Mountains, in the shadow of the Descabezado Volcano, lies the Chilcas flagship Maule Valley San Rafael Vineyard. Named for a native Chilean bush with fine pigment that grows in the region, Chilcas wines exude a sense of place and strong varietal expression. With an emphasis on the Maule Valley, Winemaker Camilo Viani aims to produce the finest wines from more than 2,500 acres of estate vineyards in the Maule, Curico, Colchagua and Casablanca Valleys and across three tiers of wines - Reservas, Icons and Single Vineyards. A true steward to the land, Chilcas is intensely committed to sustainability and, as part of the VIA Wines family, has been certified sustainable under Wines of Chile's Sustainability program.



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