



2011 CHILCAS RESERVA PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 100% Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 50% aged for 8-10 months in 100% French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.4% alc/vol | TA: 3.50 g/L | pH: 3.35

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Pinot Noir come from 15-year-old vines from Chilcas' La Esperanza block located in its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (162 miles south of Santiago). The valley is geographically diverse with a Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation. Winters are generally cold and rainy. Vigilant canopy management during the growing season led to a yield of just under three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the third week of March and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for five days followed by a warm ferment lasting two to three weeks and punch downs took place one to three times daily. 50% of the wine was then aged for eight to ten months in 100% French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

The Reserva Pinot Noir displays a bright, clean cherry-red color. There is a deep aromatic intensity that features aromas of fresh cherries and white strawberries, which lend great personality and a distinctive character to the wine. Gentle floral and earthy notes complement the fruity palate while its soft texture and medium volume are balanced by a fresh, persistent finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet reviewed. 2010- 88 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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