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2011 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER:	Camilo Viani
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	100% Pinot Noir
MATURATION:	10-12 months in 100% French oak (20% new barrels)
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol | TA: 3.60 g/L | pH: 3.45

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 over two tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the last week of March and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for four to six days followed by a warm fermentation in open-topped stainless steel tanks which are ideal for making this delicate variety. The ferment lasted three to four weeks and punch downs took place two to three times daily. The wine was then aged for ten to twelve months in French oak barrels.

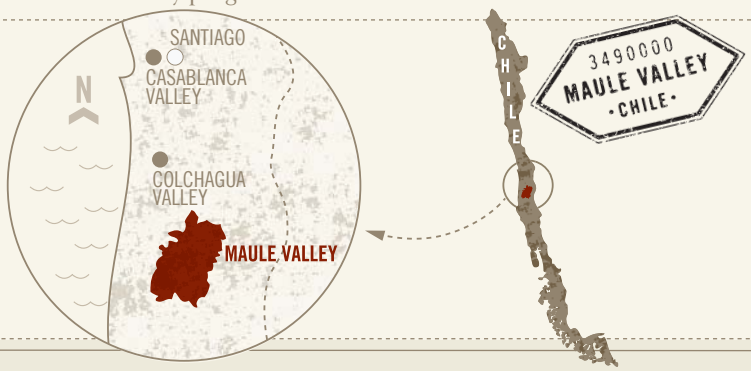
TASTING NOTES:

The 2011 Single Vineyard Pinot Noir is red cherry in color with some ruby hues. On the nose, there are aromas of fresh strawberries and juicy cherries mingled with notes of spices and vanilla from oak barrel aging. The palate is elegant with generous, velvety tannins framed by refreshing acidity. Earthy notes add complexity through a long, pleasant 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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