



2012 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 96% Cabernet Franc, 4% Carmenère
MATURATION: 18-20 months in 100% French oak (25% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.1% alc/vol | TA: 5.20 g/L | pH: 3.50

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc come from 15-year-old vines in Chilcas' El Condor 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). Its temperate Mediterranean climate is known for its hot summer days with generally cool nights and rainy winters. The Mataquitos and Lontué River Basins provide the Maule Valley with a maritime influence, while the Andes Mountains contribute crystalline water for irrigation. Both aspects are essential for vineyard health. The daily temperature oscillation can be as much as 35°F and causes the vines to develop their best varietal expression and improve the quality and intensity of their aromas and flavors.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked on April 10 and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The fruit was cold macerated for six days followed by a warm ferment lasting 16 days with gentle punch downs taking place daily. The wine was aged for 18-20 months in French oak barrels, and coarsely filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Clean and bright, with an outstanding deep ruby-red color. The nose presents aromas of blueberries, blackberries and black pepper along with red fruits and herbal notes of bay leaf and dill. The elegant palate features a freshness that ensures longevity. This Cabernet Franc shows plenty of personality and all the potential of this Bordeaux variety.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts *Vinous*

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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