



## 2012 CHILCAS RESERVA CHARDONNAY

**WINEMAKER:** Camilo Viani  
**REGION:** Maule Valley, Chile  
**VARIETALS:** 100% Chardonnay  
**MATURATION:** 35% aged for 10 months French oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 3.60 g/L | pH: 3.33

### VINEYARD:

The Chardonnay grapes for this wine come from eight-year-old vines from Chilcas' La Esperanza block located in 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 during the rest of the year helps control plant vigor, berry size, and cluster maturation allowing Chilcas to craft wines of good concentration. Vigilant canopy management during the growing season led to a yield of four tons per acre.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the first week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting. 67% of the fruit was whole-cluster pressed and the remaining 33% was cold macerated for four to six hours. 65% of the fruit was then fermented in stainless steel tanks for two to three weeks and the remaining 35% was fermented in oak barrels. 35% of the wine matured for ten months in French oak barrels.

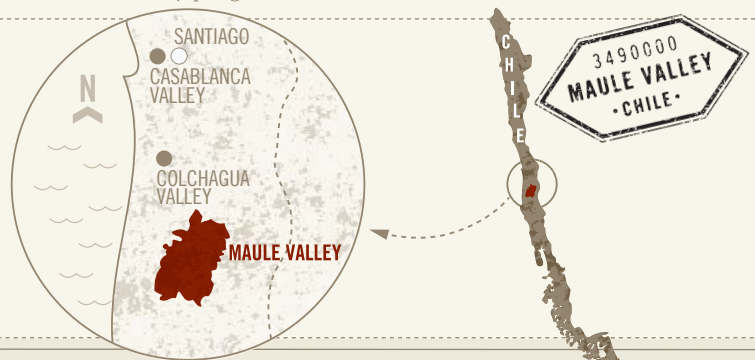
### TASTING NOTES:

The 2012 Reserva Chardonnay is bright yellow in color with golden hues. Intense aromas of quince and white peaches are well integrated with toasty oak characters and soft floral notes. This wine has a soft, elegant texture as well as great volume and length on the palate.

**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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