



2012 CHILCAS RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER:	Camilo Viani
REGION:	Casablanca Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION:	None
ANALYSIS:	13.0% alc/vol TA: 4.70 g/L pH: 3.20

VINEYARD:

The Sauvignon Blanc grapes come from five-year-old vines from Chilcas's vineyards in the Casablanca Valley, located between Santiago and the country's main port of Valparaíso. The valley's maritime and diurnal temperature variation influences produce excellent conditions for Sauvignon Blanc that are reflected in the varietal's intense aromas and fresh flavors. Average yields are four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the first week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for eight to sixteen hours to maximize the intensity of the aromatics, followed by a cool ferment in stainless steel tanks lasting 21-28 days. The wine underwent a post-fermentation maceration and was stabilized for fifteen days and earth-filtered before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

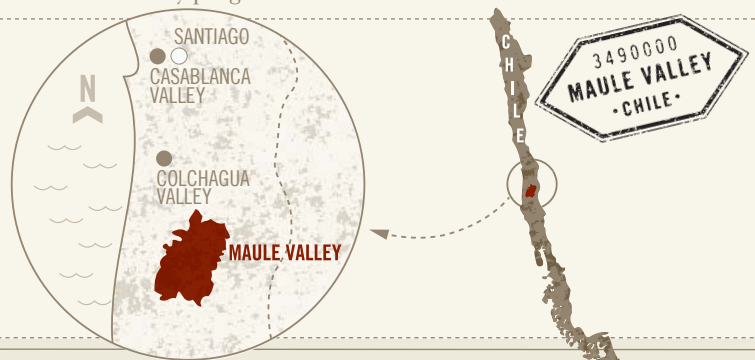
The 2011 Chilcas Reserva Sauvignon Blanc is pale silvery-green in color with an intense nose that stands out for its citrus aromas of grapefruit and mandarin orange. Characters of green apple and passion fruit also mingle with spice, floral and mineral aromas. The palate is citrus driven with a clean line of minerality, crisp acidity and a long, fruity finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2011 vintage: 88 pts - Best Buy 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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