



## 2013 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET FRANC

**WINEMAKER:** Camilo Viani  
**REGION:** Maule Valley, Chile  
**VARIETALS:** 97% Cabernet Franc, 3% Carmenère  
**MATURATION:** 18-20 months in 100% French oak (25% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.80 g/L | pH: 3.60

### VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Single Vineyard Cabernet Franc come from 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). The climate is Mediterranean - summer days are hot, summer nights are cool and the winters are generally wet. The Mataquitos and Lontué River Basins provide the Maule Valley with a maritime influence, while the Andes Mountains contribute pristine 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 as well as the retention of natural acidity.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked on April 16 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, indicative of the cool 2013 vintage. The nose presents aromas of fresh red fruits such as cherries and strawberries, notes of white and red pepper, as well as herbal tones of bay leaf and dill. The elegant and well-structured palate features a freshness that ensures longevity.

**CRITICAL ACCLAIM:** Not yet reviewed. 2012 vintage: **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 the estate vineyards in the Maule, Itata, 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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