





2013 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD CINSAULT

WINEMAKER:	Camilo Viani
REGION:	Itata Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	100% Cinsault
MATURATION:	Four months in seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS:	13.7% alc/vol TA: 3.15 g/L pH: 3.60

VINEYARD:

The fruit for the Single Vineyard Cinsault comes from a vineyard located in the western part of Itata Valley, 13 miles from the Pacific Ocean and 310 miles south of Santiago. This valley has a long winemaking tradition that dates back to colonial times and a wealth of small, sustainably farmed old vines. Poor granite soils and the moderating influence of the nearby Humboldt Current allows grapes here to ripen slowly with good concentration of flavor. Chilcas Cinsault comes from ten-year-old un-grafted, head pruned vines that are dry farmed.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the second week of April and hand-sorted at the winery. The bunches were then gently de-stemmed and transferred to temperature controlled stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Minimal handling was used during fermentation with aeration and pump-overs only taking place to keep the yeast active.

TASTING NOTES:

The Single Vineyard Cinsault shows a purplish red ruby color. On the nose it has intense floral aromas as well as red fruits such as cherries and ripe strawberries. The palate shows juicy and fresh primary fruit flavors, a good structure and soft, well rounded tannins. It will pair well with light, savory dishes and is at its best lightly chilled.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts 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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