



2013 CHILCAS RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER:	Camilo Viani
REGION:	Casablanca Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	100% Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION:	6% for five months on fine lees
ANALYSIS:	13.0% alc/vol TA: 7.30 g/L pH: 3.10

VINEYARD:

The Sauvignon Blanc grapes come from Chilcas' 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. 80% were de-stemmed and held in the press for 72 hours, the remainder were whole bunch pressed. The must was fermented in stainless steel tanks, initially at relatively warm temperatures which was then lowered a few days into fermentation. A small portion of the wine was aged on lees for 5 months with periodic lees stirring. The wine was lightly filtered prior to bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

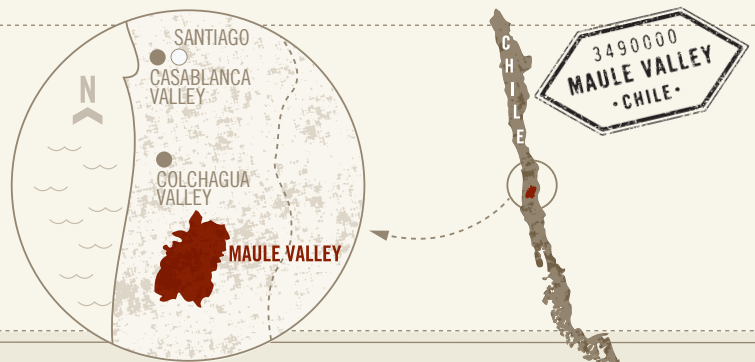
The 2013 Chilcas Reserva Sauvignon Blanc is pale silvery-green in color. The intensely perfumed nose presents aromas of tropical fruit such as passionfruit and kiwi along with citrusy notes of grapefruit and lime. Dried fig and flinty, gunpowder notes provide some complexity to the fresh primary flavors. The palate is firm with fruit, citrusy flavors, tremendous nerve, and intense freshness.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 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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