



2011 CHILENSIS LAZULI

WINEMAKER:	Claudio Villouta
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	40% Syrah, 20% Malbec, 17% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Petit Verdot, 5% Carmenère
MATURATION:	18 months in oak, (60% new); French (70%), American (30%)
ANALYSIS:	14.0% alc/vol TA: 5.06 g/L pH: 3.63

VINEYARD:

The grapes come from 12 and 13-year-old vines from Chilensis' El Condor, La Esperanza, San Jorge, Santa Lucila, and Río Bonito blocks located on the estate San Rafael vineyard in Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountain range). The yield was just over three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked and hand-sorted. The fruit was gently destemmed to ensure only minimal breakage of the berries. The Syrah, Merlot and Petit Verdot were cold macerated for four days. Fermentation of all the separate batches lasted 22 to 24 days with punch downs taking place one to three times daily. The wine was then aged for 18 months in new and seasoned oak barrels (70% French and 30% American). Prior to bottling, the wine was naturally cold stabilized and earth-filtered.

TASTING NOTES:

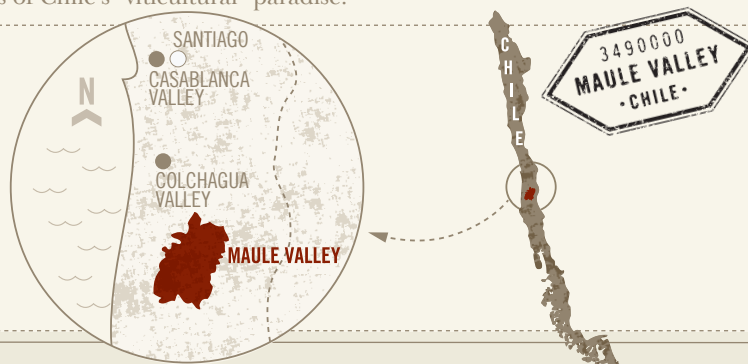
Deep violet in color, this voluptuous wine offers a predominance of black and blue berry fruit notes which are nicely complemented by oak derived vanilla and light toast flavors. The palate shows fine, approachable tannins and balanced natural acidity. Flavors of dark chocolate accompany the silky texture and linger deliciously on a long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

91 pts/Year's Best Chilean Reds Wine & Spirits, 91 pts Wine Enthusiast, 90 pts Vinous

ABOUT CHILENSIS:

Chilensis is the epitome of Chile; the word itself means Chilean or coming from Chile. Based in the Maule Valley, Chilensis produces estate wines that are an authentic reflection of Chile's most prestigious wine appellations, including the Maule, Casablanca and Colchagua Valleys. As part of the VIA Wines family, Winemaker Claudio Villouta and his team farm 2,500 acres of estate fruit that they hand-craft into wines that reflect the typicity of each grape variety and individual region's terroir. Managed under sustainable principles with minimal intervention – the winery is one of only three wineries in Chile to be certified sustainable under Wines of Chile's Sustainability program – Chilensis wines offer natural expressions of the grapes, showcasing the fruit and aromas of Chile's "viticultural" paradise.



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