



2012 CHILENSIS RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	Claudio Villouta
REGION:	Colchagua Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	30% aged for 6 months in oak (58% French, 42% American)
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 3.20 g/L pH: 3.60

VINEYARD:

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes come from twelve-year-old vines from Chilensis' Nilahue vineyard in the Colchagua Valley (81 miles south of Santiago). The valley sits between two spurs of the Andes Mountains, which form the basin's natural boundaries and produce a corridor that runs from the mountains to the sea, a feature unique among the valleys of Central Chile. In the summer months (November–April), the average day/night temperature oscillation reaches 71°F on average, which allows the grapes to ripen slowly, concentrating and preserving their flavors, aromas, and color. Yield was just over three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked the third week of April and then immediately sorted at the winery and gently destemmed to ensure only minimal breakage of the berries. The grapes were cold macerated for three days followed by a warm ferment for 32 days and punch downs took place three times daily. 30% of the wine was then aged for six months in French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

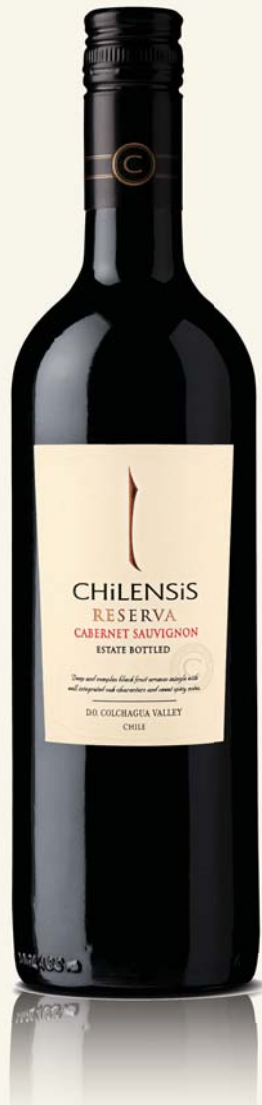
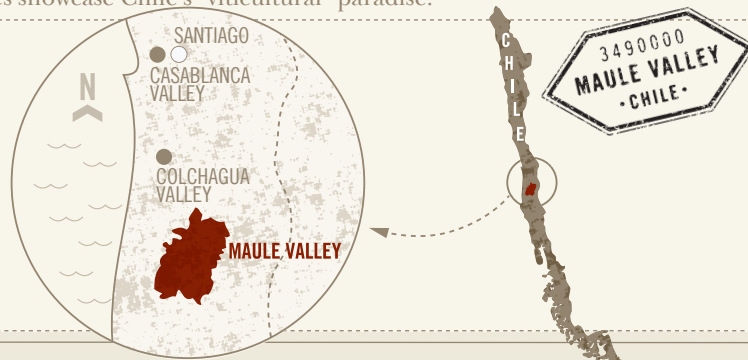
The 2012 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon is intensely aromatic on the nose, there are red and black fruit characters that mingle with spicy and toasted oak notes. The palate presents a medium-full body with juicy cherry and plum notes, soft tannins, good structure, and a long, lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed.

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 – Chilensis is one of only three wineries in Chile to be certified sustainable under Wines of Chile's Sustainability program in all categories – their wines showcase Chile's "viticultural" paradise.



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