



2013 CHILENSIS RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER: Claudio Villouta
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION: Two months on fine lees
ANALYSIS: 12.5% alc/vol | TA: 6.30 g/L | pH: 3.10

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Sauvignon Blanc come from Chilensis' estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (162 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). The valley is geographically diverse, with a Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation. Winters are cold and rainy. Most of the vineyard's alluvial soils are loam to clay-loam in texture with a moderate fertility. Vigilant canopy management and cluster thinning during what was a relatively cool growing season led to a yield of four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in April and then immediately sorted and gently destemmed at the winery. 30% of the grapes were cold soaked to maximize the intensity of the aromatics, followed by a cool ferment in stainless steel tanks lasting 25 days. The wine was aged on its fine lees for two months to promote mid palate depth and texture.

TASTING NOTES:

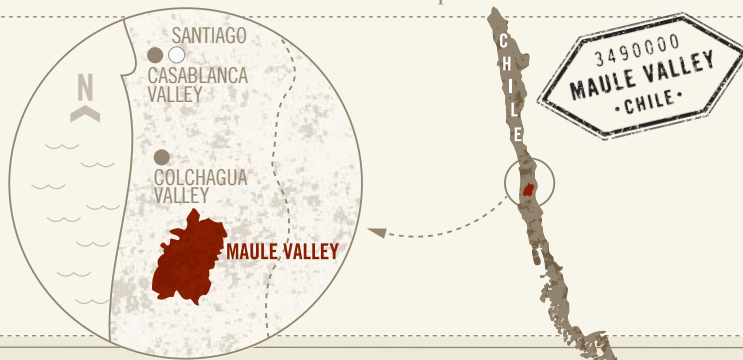
The Reserva Sauvignon Blanc is light green in color with some golden hues. The wine is richly perfumed with citrus notes and a touch of herbs over a backdrop of white fruits such as green apple. Acidity predominates on the palate with a lively freshness to accompany the mid palate richness and shows a vibrant finish with intriguing hints of avocado.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

86 pts Wine Spectator

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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