



2014 CHILENSIS RESERVA MALBEC

WINEMAKER:	Claudio Ramirez
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	100% Malbec
MATURATION:	50% aged for 8 and 10 months in seasoned French oak
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.40 g/L pH: 3.51

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Malbec come from Chilensis' San Rafael estate vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). Wide diurnal temperatures allow for full varietal ripeness and color development as well as well preserved acidity. 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 during the growing season led to a yield of just under three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in March and then immediately sorted at the winery. The fruit was gently destemmed to ensure only minimal breakage of the berries. The grapes were cold macerated for four days followed by a medium to warm ferment for three weeks with punch downs taking place three times daily. 50% of the wine was then aged for eight and ten months in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

Tremendously intense violet-cherry red in color with significant aromatic intensity and more red fruit aromas than black fruit or spices, recalling strawberries, raspberries, and plums with a hint of fresh mint on the backdrop. The medium-bodied and very juicy palate is smooth and has fine, sweet tannins and a long and fresh finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts/**Best Buy** Wine Enthusiast

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 Ramirez and his team farm 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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