



2009 CHILCAS RED ONE

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 50% Merlot, 35% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
MATURATION: 12-14 months in 100% French oak (33% new barrels)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 3.00 g/L | pH: 3.50

VINEYARD:

The grapes for Red One come from Chilcas' La Esperanza, Rio Bonito, San Jorge, and El Condor blocks located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountain range). Here, the high temperature oscillations (up to 36°F) promote optimal varietal expression in the grapes by heightening the intensity of aromas and flavors. The Mataquitos and Lontué River valleys lend a certain maritime influence to the region, while the Andes Mountains contribute their clean, clear waters, with both aspects playing a major role in ensuring the health of the vineyards.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in mid-April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for four days followed by a warm ferment lasting four to five weeks and punch downs took place three to four times daily. The wine matured for 12-14 months in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

The 2009 Red One has intense aromas of red and black fruit aromas against a backdrop of subtle black pepper, toasted coffee, and chocolate notes. Cocoa characters emerge on the palate and intermingle with the fruit to add great complexity to this voluminous red blend with a pronounced persistence, lush tannins, and an elegant mouthfeel.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, **90 pts** Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT CHILCAS:

Nested 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 more than 2,500 acres of estate vineyards in the Maule, Curico, 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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