



2010 CHILCAS LAS ALMAS

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 89% Carmenère, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc, 1% Petit Verdot
MATURATION: 24 months in 100% French oak (50% new)
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 2.80 g/L | pH: 3.60

VINEYARD:

Las Almas' fruit is from Chilcas' El Condor block located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountain range). The valley is geographically diverse with a Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation. The lack of rainfall after winter enables Chilcas to have a better control of the plant vigor, keeps the grape berries small, and helps the bunches to ripen uniformly. Yields were less than three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

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

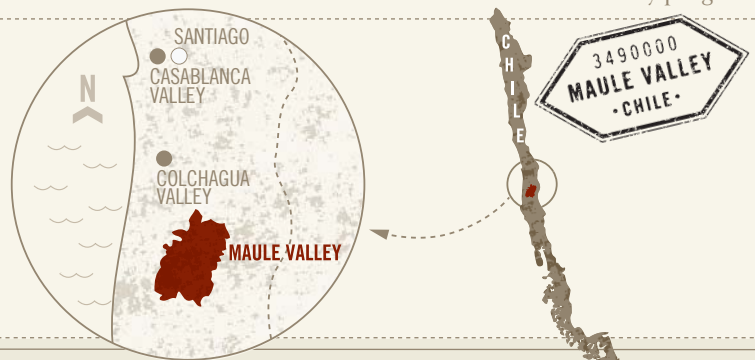
TASTING NOTES:

Intensely aromatic on the nose, with ripe notes of cassis, cherry, blueberry and blackberry, all framed by delicate spicy touches and tobacco leaf aromas. Lush, juicy and expansive on the palate, the wine is nicely structured and shows great personality without compromising its gentle finesse. A vibrant acidity leads to a refreshing persistent finish with more spicy notes that reflect very well the typicity of the San Rafael terroir.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Wine Enthusiast

ABOUT CHILCAS: Nestled 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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