



2012 CHILENSIS RESERVA PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER: Claudio Villouta
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: Pinot Noir
MATURATION: 50% aged for 6 months in French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.3 g/L | pH: 3.5

VINEYARD:

The Pinot Noir grapes come from twelve and seven-year-old vines from Chilensis' 'Juan' and 'Huemul' blocks located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (137 miles south of Santiago and 15 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. Yield was just over three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in late 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 warm ferment for three weeks and soft punch downs twice daily. 50% of the wine was then aged for six months in older French oak barrels). Prior to bottling, the wine was naturally cold stabilized and earth-filtered once.

TASTING NOTES:

The Reserva Pinot Noir is deep and bright purplish-red in color. Aromas of cherry and cinnamon mingled with wild roses and subtle oak notes. A meaty background character adds complexity to the wine. The medium-bodied palate has velvety tannins that reveal the wine's lush and elegant structure.

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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