



2012 CHILENSIS RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER:	Claudio Villouta
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	Sauvignon Blanc
MATURATION:	3 months on the lees
ANALYSIS:	13.1% alc/vol TA: 4.70 g/L pH: 3.20

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Chardonnay 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 the growing season led to a yield of four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked the first week of April and then immediately sorted and gently destemmed at the winery. The grapes were cold macerated for 8-16 hours, to maximize the intensity of the aromatics, followed by a cool ferment in stainless steel tanks lasting 21-28 days. The wine was aged sur-lie for three months with weekly lees stirring.

TASTING NOTES:

The Reserva Sauvignon Blanc is pale green in color with some silver hues. Aromas of grapefruit, tangerine, green apple and passion fruit lead into notes of green chili spices and subtle floral and mineral notes. The palate has a strong mineral character, tropical flavors, crisp acidity, and a long, fruity finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 pts Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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 "vicultural" paradise.



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