



2011 CHILCAS RESERVA CARMENÈRE

WINEMAKER:	Camilo Viani
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	87% Carmenère, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Cabernet Franc
MATURATION:	60% aged for 10 months in oak (50% American, 50% French)
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 3.10 g/L pH: 3.60

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Carmenere come from Chilcas' El Condor and Nilahue blocks located in its estate San Rafael vineyard in the 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. Winters are generally cold and rainy. Vigilant canopy management during the growing season led to yields between two and four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked late April into early May 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 three weeks and punch downs took place two to three times daily. 60% of the wine was then aged for ten months in French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

The Reserva Carmenere displays a deep and intense carmine-red color with ruby-red hues. This is an expressive and complex wine that features plum, blackberry and black cherry notes as well as concentrated spicy characters of black pepper and bay leaf, mingled elegantly with toasty hints. On the palate, the wine is juicy and fruity with smooth tannins that lead to a persistent and well-balanced finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 pts Wine Spectator, 87 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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