



## 2011 CHILCAS RESERVA SYRAH

**WINEMAKER:** Camilo Viani  
**REGION:** Maule Valley, Chile  
**VARIETALS:** 90% Syrah, 7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3% Viognier  
**MATURATION:** 50% aged for 8-10 months in oak (50% American, 50% French)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 3.20 g/L | pH: 3.54

### VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Syrah come from Chilcas' estate San Rafael and Nihue vineyard blocks located 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 a yield of three tons per acre.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the last week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for five days followed by a warm ferment lasting four weeks and punch downs took place one to two times daily. 50% of the wine was then aged for eight to ten months in French and American oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES:

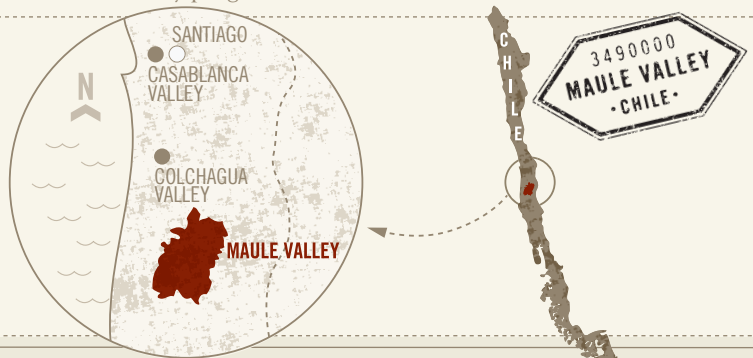
The 2011 Reserva Syrah displays an intense, bright red color. On the nose, the wine opens with aromas of strawberry, cherry, blueberry, blackberry, and plum mingled with spicy notes of pepper and clove, all framed by subtle toasty notes. The palate offers juicy, well-structured tannins and a great volume with a fruity, long persistence.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

88 pts Wine Spectator

### 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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