



2010 CHILENSIS LAZULI

WINEMAKER:	Claudio Villouta
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	36% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Malbec, 16% Petit Verdot, 10% Merlot, 9% Syrah, 8% Carmenère
MATURATION:	Aged for 12-14 months in oak, French (70%), American (30%)
ANALYSIS:	13.7% alc/vol TA: 3.60 g/L pH: 3.50

VINEYARD:

The grapes come from 12 and 13-year-old vines from Chilensis' El Condor, La Esperanza, San Jorge, Santa Lucila, and Río Bonito blocks located on the estate San Rafael vineyard in Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountain range). The yield was just over three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked and then sorted. 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 that lasted one month and punch downs took place three to four times daily. The wine was then aged for 12 – 14 months in oak barrels (70% French and 30% American). Prior to bottling, the wine was naturally cold stabilized and earth-filtered once.

TASTING NOTES:

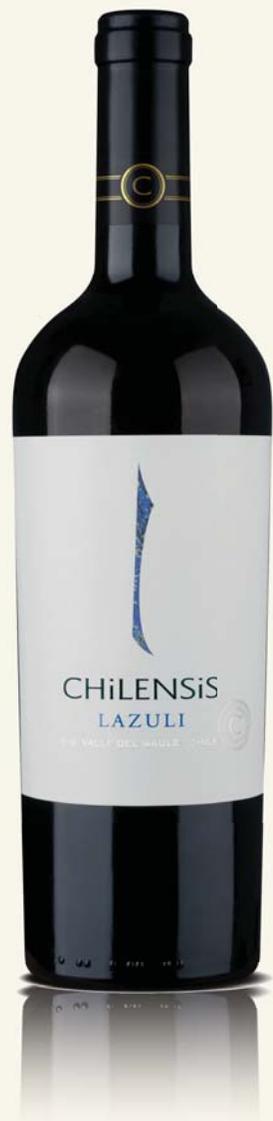
The Lazuli is deep ruby-red in color. The nose has complex aromas of blackberries and black currants, along with spicy characters that evoke tobacco and black pepper mingled with cassis, bitter chocolate, caramel and coffee final accents. This is a high volume wine with an abundance of juicy, firm tannins and a lingering persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

90 pts Wine Enthusiast, 88 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 – the winery is one of only three wineries in Chile to be certified sustainable under Wines of Chile's Sustainability program – Chilensis wines offer natural expressions of the grapes, showcasing the fruit and aromas of Chile's "viticultural" paradise.



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