



2012 CHILENSIS RESERVA MALBEC

WINEMAKER:	Claudio Villouta
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	95% Malbec, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon
MATURATION:	30% aged for 6 months in French oak
ANALYSIS:	13.0% alc/vol TA: 3.46 g/L pH: 3.70

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Malbec come from twelve and six-year-old vines from Chilensis' Río Bonito and San Jorge blocks located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). Growing season wide diurnal temperatures allow for full varietal ripeness and color development as well as well preserved acidity. 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 during the growing season led to a yield of just under 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 three days followed by a warm ferment for three weeks and punch downs took place two to four times daily. 30% of the wine was then aged for six months in French oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

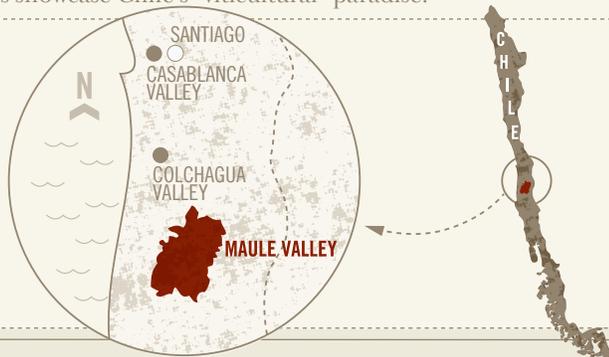
The 2012 Reserva Malbec displays a deep red color with violet hues. Aromas of raspberry, black currant, plum and blueberry mingle with notes of vanilla and caramel followed by an intriguing graphite powder character. The medium-full bodied palate opens with smooth, ripe tannins that reveal a firm well-balanced structure and a refreshing, lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

86 pts - Best Buy Wine Enthusiast

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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