



2010 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Colchagua Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 3% Petit Verdot
MATURATION: 12 months in 100% French oak (20% new barrels)
ANALYSIS: 14.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.60 g/L | pH: 3.55

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon come from 14-year-old vines on Chilcas' Nilahue vineyard in the Colchagua Valley (80 miles south of Santiago). The Colchagua Valley differs from other Chilean wine regions in that it runs between two spurs of the Andes Mountains, one to the north and one to the south, separated by an average distance of 22 miles, that define the basin's natural boundaries and generate a corridor between the Andes and the Pacific, a phenomenon that does not occur elsewhere in Chile's central zone. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation which allows the grapes to ripen slowly with very good concentration and preservation of aromas and flavors. Winters are generally cold and rainy. Yields were three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

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

TASTING NOTES:

The Single Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is deep ruby-red in color. On the nose, there are aromas of cherry, strawberry and black currant that mingle elegantly with complex cedar, olive, and black tea characters. Background notes include all spice, chocolate and smoke. This is a wine with great structure and volume, firm tannins and a long finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT CHILCAS:

Nested 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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