



## 2015 CHILCAS RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**WINEMAKER:** Carlos Gatica  
**REGION:** Colchagua Valley, Chile  
**VARIETALS:** Cabernet Sauvignon 97%, Merlot 2%, Malbec 1%  
**MATURATION:** Aged for 12 to 14 months in French oak (10% new)  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.43 g/L | pH: 3.63

### VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon come from 17 year-old vines in blocks three and four of Chilcas' Nilahue vineyard located in the Colchagua Valley. (81 miles south of Santiago). The valley is geographically diverse with a temperate 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 an average yield of three tons per acre.

### WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in mid-April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. The fruit was cold macerated for three days followed by a warm ferment lasting four weeks, with punch downs taking place two to three times daily. The wine was then aged for twelve to fourteen months in French oak barrels, 10% of which were new. The wine was naturally cold stabilized during the winter and earth-filtered prior to bottling.

### TASTING NOTES:

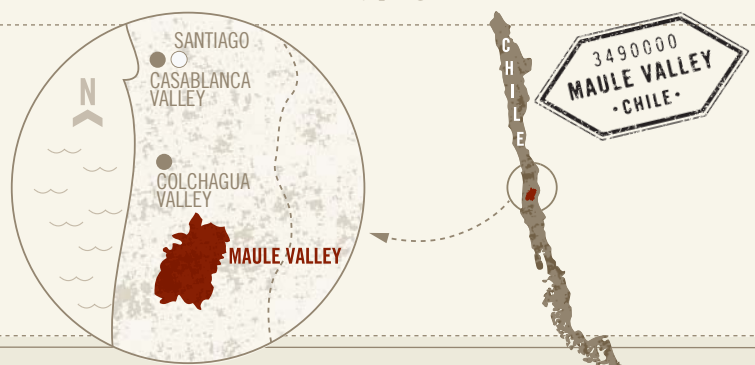
The 2015 Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon shows great varietal character and aromatic intensity with notes of blackcurrant, plum, black olive with graphite undertones. The palate presents firm tannins, good structure and a persistent finish. The wine will continue to evolve in the cellar through 2020.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed.

### 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. Winemaker Carlos Gatica aims to produce the finest wines from VIA's 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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