



## 2015 CHILENSIS RESERVA MALBEC

**WINEMAKER:** Carlos Gatica  
**REGION:** Maule Valley, Chile  
**VARIETALS:** Malbec (98%), Petit Verdot (2%)  
**MATURATION:** 50% for 10 months in seasoned French and American oak  
**ANALYSIS:** 13.5% alc/vol | TA: 5.80 g/L | pH: 3.63

### VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Malbec come from Chilensis' San Rafael estate vineyard in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountains range). 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 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 four days followed by a medium to warm ferment for three weeks with punch downs taking place three times daily. 50% of the wine was then aged for eight and ten months in French oak barrels.

### TASTING NOTES:

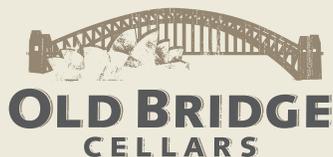
This Malbec shows a tremendous intensity of purplish-cherry red color as well as significant aromatic intensity with a predominance of black fruit and spice aromas accompanied by light notes of fresh mint with a touch of vanilla and caramel on the backdrop. The smooth and medium-bodied palate is mouthwateringly juicy, with sweet, round tannins and a fresh, persistent finish.

### CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2014 vintage: **88 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 Carlos Gatica and his team farm 100% 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 "vicultural" paradise.



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