



2016 CHILENSIS RESERVA PINOT NOIR

WINEMAKER :	Carlos Gatica
REGION :	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS :	Pinot Noir
MATURATION :	50% aged for 6 months in seasoned French and American oak
ANALYSIS :	12.5% alc/vol TA: 5.80 g/L pH: 3.37

VINEYARD :

The Pinot Noir grapes come from ten and fifteen-year-old vines from Chilensis' 'Juan' and 'Huemul' blocks located on its estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (137 miles south of Santiago and 15 miles from the Andes Mountains range). The valley is geographically diverse, with a Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation. Winters are cold and rainy. Most of the vineyard's alluvial soils are loam to clay-loam in texture with a moderate fertility. Yield was just over three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING :

The grapes were hand-picked in March and then immediately sorted at the winery. The fruit was gently de-stemmed to ensure only minimal breakage of the berries. The grapes were cold macerated for six days followed by a warm ferment for two weeks and gentle punch downs twice daily. 50% of the wine was then aged for six months in seasoned French oak barrels. Prior to bottling, the wine was naturally cold stabilized and lightly filtered.

TASTING NOTES :

The Reserva Pinot Noir presents the bright ruby-red color characteristic of the variety. The nose offers tremendous aromatic intensity with notes of tart red fruits such as raspberries and strawberries over a floral backdrop that recalls violets and melds nicely with the toasted oak. The approachable palate has surprising volume with smooth and round tannins. The wine is well balanced and finishes with persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : Not yet reviewed.

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 "viticultural" paradise.



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