



2010 CHILCAS SINGLE VINEYARD PAÍS

WINEMAKER: Camilo Viani
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: 100% País
MATURATION: Aged for 12-14 months in French oak
ANALYSIS: 13.7% alc/vol | TA: 3.15 g/L | pH: 3.60

VINEYARD:

The fruit for the Single Vineyard País, Chile's oldest grape variety, come from 50-year-old head-trained vines in Chilcas' dry farmed Melozal vineyard located in the Maule Valley (124 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes Mountain range). The valley is geographically diverse with a Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry with a significant day-night temperature variation that promotes slow, even ripening as well as concentrated flavors, aromas, and color. Shoot thinning, leaf removal and cluster thinning are employed during the growing season to achieve optimal yields.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked during the last week of April and immediately transported to the winery for sorting and gentle de-stemming. Next, the fruit was cold macerated for eight days followed by a warm, 18-day fermentation where punch downs took place three to four times daily. The wine was then aged for twelve to fourteen months in French oak barrels. The wine was naturally cold stabilized during winter and then earth-filtered prior to bottling.

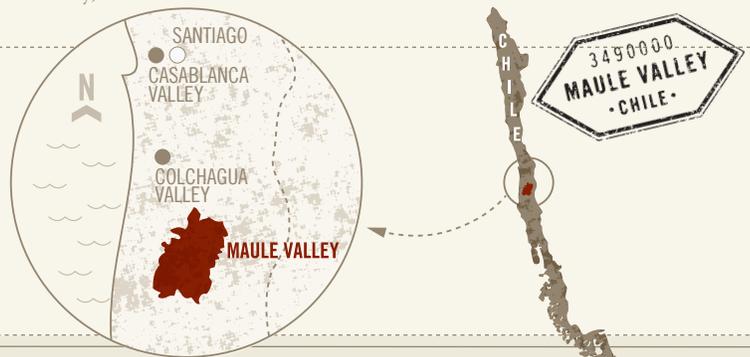
TASTING NOTES:

The Chilcas 2010 Single Vineyard País has a delicate, translucent brick red color. Very intense on the nose, with aromas of black pepper and some earthy notes. This wine shows a voluminous palate, tremendous persistence and abundant soft tannins. Specially recommended for lamb, pork and game meats.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 90 pts Wine & Spirits

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. With an emphasis on the Maule Valley, Winemaker Camilo Viani aims to produce the finest wines from 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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