



2016 CHILENSIS RESERVA SAUVIGNON BLANC

WINEMAKER:	Carlos Gatica
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	Sauvignon Blanc (98%), Sauvignon Gris (2%)
MATURATION:	10% aged in seasoned oak barrels for 4 months
ANALYSIS:	12.0% alc/vol TA: 7.19 g/L pH: 3.18

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Sauvignon Blanc come from Chilensis' estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (162 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 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. Vigilant canopy management and cluster thinning during what was a relatively cool growing season led to a yield of four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in April and then immediately sorted and gently de-stemmed at the winery. 50% of the grapes were cold soaked to maximize the aromatics, followed by a cool ferment in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged on its fine lees for four months to promote mid-palate depth and texture and 10% spent that time in seasoned oak.

TASTING NOTES:

Light greenish-yellow in color and highly aromatic. The nose shows tropical and citrus fruit notes, such as mango, passion fruit, and grapefruit with a light herbal touch accompanied by a backdrop that denotes its time in the barrel. The palate is fruity with refreshing acidity. Contact with the lees during aging and the contribution of the oak barrels lend the palate greater volume and texture, while the addition of a small portion of Sauvignon Gris adds to the long finish and fruity persistence.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 87 pts Wine Spectator

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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