



2016 CHILENSIS RESERVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON

WINEMAKER:	Carlos Gatica
REGION:	Colchagua Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	Cabernet Sauvignon (97%), Merlot (2%), Malbec (1%)
MATURATION:	60% aged for 9 months in French and American oak
ANALYSIS:	13.1% alc/vol TA: 5.43 g/L pH: 3.63

VINEYARD:

The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes come from sixteen-year-old vines from Chilensis' Nilahue vineyard in the Colchagua Valley (81 miles south of Santiago). The valley sits between two spurs of the Andes Mountains, which form the basin's natural boundaries and produce a corridor that runs from the mountains to the sea, a feature unique among the valleys of Central Chile. In the summer months (November–April), the average day/night temperature oscillation reaches 71°F on average, which allows the grapes to ripen slowly, concentrating and preserving their flavors, aromas, and color. Yield was just over three tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in April and then immediately sorted at the winery and gently de-stemmed to ensure only minimal breakage of the berries. The grapes were cold macerated for three days followed by a warm ferment for 28-35 days and punch downs took place two to three times daily. 60% of the wine was then aged for nine months in French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

Deep, intense color with cherry-red nuances that show the wine's freshness. Aromas of ripe red fruits such as raspberries and plums predominate on the nose, complemented by spices, smoke, and sweet notes that come with its time in oak. The smooth palate has great body and the variety's characteristics structure and potency along with soft, round tannins and a refreshing finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2015 vintage: **88 points/Best Value** 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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