



CHILENSIS



2017 CHILENSIS RESERVA MALBEC

WINEMAKER:	Carlos Gatica
REGION:	Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS:	Malbec (98%), Petit Verdot (2%)
MATURATION:	70% for 3 months in seasoned French and American oak
ANALYSIS:	13.5% alc/vol TA: 5.3 g/L pH: 3.7

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Malbec come from Chilensis' estate San Rafael vineyard in the Maule Valley (162 miles south of Santiago and 12.5 miles from the Andes mountain range). The valley is geographically diverse and enjoys 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 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. 70% of the wine was then aged for three months in French and American oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES:

This vintage presented Malbec wines with the intense carmine-cherry red color characteristic of the Maule zone. The expressive nose is fruity and delicate with aromas of ripe red plums, wild red berries, blackcurrants, and notes of evolution. The medium-bodied palate starts smooth and is very juicy with sweet, round tannins, and ends with a fresh and persistent finish.

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 "vicultural" paradise.



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