

CHIENSIS



2015 CHIENSIS RESERVA CARMENÈRE

WINEMAKER: Carlos Gatica
REGION: Maule Valley, Chile
VARIETALS: Carmenère (98%), Cabernet Sauvignon (1%), Merlot (1%)
MATURATION: 60% aged for 10 months in seasoned French and American oak
ANALYSIS: 14.0% alc/vol | TA: 5.09 g/L | pH: 3.68

VINEYARD:

The grapes for the Reserva Carmenère come from twelve-year-old vines from Chilensis' estate San Rafael vineyard on 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 the growing season led to a yield of just under four tons per acre.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were hand-picked in May and then immediately sorted at the winery. The fruit was gently de-stemmed to ensure only minimal breakage of the berries. Most of the grapes were cold macerated for two days followed by a warm ferment for seven days and punch downs took place twice daily. 60% of the wine was then aged for ten months in American and French oak barrels. The wine was lightly filtered before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

Tremendous varietal character on the nose through its spice, tobacco leaf and black fruit aromas. A base of black plum is accompanied by notes of black pepper, coffee, and cedar. The juicy, medium-bodied palate starts smoothly and features soft, rounded tannins with a long and flavorful finish, which is a trademark of the variety.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

87 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT CHIENSIS:

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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