

HUELLENAS

Reserve

Chardonnay
2013

Origin:

Denomination of Origin: Colchagua Costa
Vineyard: Altos de Nilahue
Block: Pataguilla 13
Distance from the Pacific: 40 km; 99 m. a.s.l.
Soil Type: Deeply stratified and of alluvial origin with a fine clay-loam texture and a presence of rocks at varying degrees of weathering and low levels of organic matter and low fertility.
Climate: Mediterranean with alternating influence of cool breezes from the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains.
Orientation: North-west
Vine age: 7 years.

Composition:

Varieties : 100% Chardonnay

Analysis:

Alcohol: 14°
Residual Sugar: 2.5 g/l
Total Acidity: 5,4 g/l (tartaric)
pH: 3.4

Aging & Cellaring:

50% of the wine was aged in French oak barrels, and the remaining 50% was held in stainless steel tanks to reinforce the aromatic complexity and preserve its fruitiness and freshness.
Cellaring Potential: 5 years.

Winemaker's Comments

The grapes were hand picked during the second week of April. The bunches were immediately whole-cluster pressed (without destemming) to obtain cleaner juice. 50% was fermented in second-use French oak barrels, and the other 50% was fermented in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged in barrels, where the malolactic fermentation began, but was not allowed to finish. After 8 months on its lees with periodic stirring, the wine was lightly filtered prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

Light golden-yellow in color. The perfumed nose is loaded with character and recalls aromas of quince, pears, peaches, and a touch of citrus fruit integrated with oaky notes from its fermenting and aging in French oak barrels. The powerful palate features flavors of white fruits, vanilla, and cinnamon that meld on the long finish.

Harvest Report

In the 2013 season summertime temperatures were lower than normal (especially in January), which delayed the harvest of this block of Chardonnay by almost two weeks. This slow-ripening period gave the Chardonnay grapes loads of character, intense fruit and a vibrant freshness.

