



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Nicolás Catena  
Winemaker: Alejandro Vigil  
Total acreage under vine: 900  
Estate founded: 1902  
Region: Mendoza  
Country: Argentina

## Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino 2020

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino is made from a meticulous vine selection in the best lots of the Catena family's estate vineyards. These Zapata vines are carefully hand tended and produce extremely low yields. The grapes are micro-fermented in new French oak barriques and the wine is then aged for 24 months in new French oak. This wine is made in very limited quantities.

### TASTING NOTES

The Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino shows a saturated dark violet color with ruby reflections; the nose offers cassia, blueberries and violets, along with a strong suggestion of soil tones. It combines density and sweetness on the one hand, with gripping, lightly saline flavors of mocha, dark berries, spice, and minerals; a palate-staining finish dominated by sweet black and blue fruits.

### FOOD PAIRING

Pairs well with lamb chops, beef tenderloin, and goat cheese.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	Angelica Vineyard (Lulunta district) and Nicasia Vineyard (Altamira district)
Soil composition:	Sand, Gravel, Stony, and Clay-Loam
Training method:	VSP
Elevation:	3,018-3,593 feet
Vines/acre:	2200
Yield/acre:	1.2 tons
Exposure:	Northwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1992-1996
Harvest time:	March - April
First vintage of this wine:	2004

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Malbec
Fermentation container:	Vertical open barriques & small stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	30-32 days
Fermentation temperature:	82.4 - 86 °F
Maceration technique:	Manual punching down
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Type of aging container:	Barriques
Size of aging container:	225 L
Age of aging container:	100% New
Type of oak:	French oak
Length of aging before bottling:	24 months
Length of bottle aging:	12 - 18 months

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13.8%
pH level:	3.6
Acidity:	6.05 g/L



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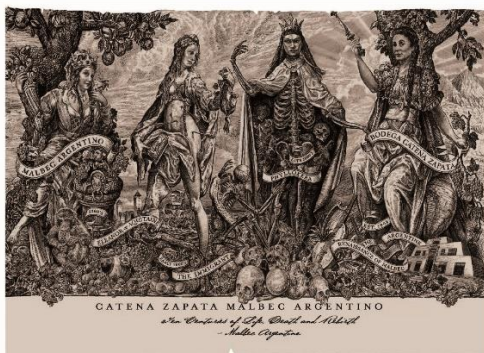
Alcohol:	13.9%
pH level:	3.65
Acidity:	5.95 g/L

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# CATENA ZAPATA MALBEC ARGENTINO 2019

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## TEN CENTURIES OF LIFE, DEATH AND REBIRTH

The epic tale of the noble Malbec grape is like no other, and the label for Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino pays tribute to the variety's history in France and its rise in Argentina. Four female figures embody different landmarks in the history of the grape.

**Eleanor of Aquitaine** represents the birth of Malbec. She is a strong, Old World presence, lingering at the bridge in Cahors, where Malbec came into its own.

Next, the **Immigrant** symbolizes the movement to the New World and the unknown explorers and adventurers who connected Europe with the Americas.

**Phylloxera** personifies the death of Malbec in the Old World, which enabled its rebirth in the new.

Finally, there is **Bodega Catena Zapata**, represented by Adrianna Catena, who depicts birth, earth, and motherhood, sharing the riches of the New World.

Today, the Catena family's fourth generation leads the high-altitude renaissance in Argentina.

We are returning Malbec to the sky... where it belongs.

## WINE DESCRIPTION

No matter what the vintage, this wine is really more than 100 years old. It represents a family's journey to produce an Argentine Malbec that can stand with the great wines of the world.

## VINIFICATION

20% whole cluster and 80% whole berry fruit is hand-loaded into 225-500 liter new French oak barrels for a 100% barrel fermentation for a period of 28 days, allowing seamless oak integration. The fermentation temperature is kept low, extracting intense aromas, and the cap management is done by hand to ensure soft, gentle flavors and tannin extraction. Wild yeasts. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in barrel leaves considerable lees and sediment. The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 18 months.

## VINEYARDS

Old Vines from the Catena Zapata Family Vineyards, Nicasia and Angélica. The origins of the vines, which we call "The Catena Cuttings", is a prephylloxeric Massale Selection from the Angélica Vineyard.

Harvest time varies depending on each lot's soil composition. Harvest time can vary by several weeks between one lot and another within the same vineyard.

**Nicasia Vineyard:** Named after Nicolás Catena Zapata's grandmother.

Shallow loamy soil. Gravel on surface and topsoil.

Location: La Consulta District, San Carlos Region, Mendoza, Argentina.

Altitude: 3,593 ft (1,095 m) elevation.

Planted in 1996 (20 years old vineyard).

**Angélica Vineyard:** Named after Nicolás Catena Zapata's mother.

Soil: Adjacent to dry river bed. Light gravel, loam and clay.

Location: Lunlunta District, Maipú Region, Mendoza, Argentina.

Altitude: 3,018 ft (920 m) elevation.

Planted in: Circa 1930 (90 years old vineyard).

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Winemaker: Alejandro Vigil

Varietal: 100% Malbec

Alcohol: 13.9%

Total Acidity: 5,95 grams/liter in tartaric

pH: 3.65