



## DOMAINE NICO SŒUR ET FRÈRES

*Domaine Nico in Argentinië is 's werelds eerste extreem hooggelegen Parcela Pinot Noir. Een ongebruikelijke locatie voor de Nieuwe Wereld met kalksteenbodems van alluviale oorsprong en een koel klimaat, in de Uco-vallei van Mendoza.*

*De droom achter Domaine Nico werd geboren in de vroege jaren 90 toen Nicolás Catena voor het eerst Pinot Noir Dijon Clones plantte op de grote hoogte van Mendoza.*

*Het project is ontstaan uit de obsessie van zijn kleindochter Laura Catena met de Bourgondische Pinot Noir. Laura, een zelfverklaarde francofiel, heeft een levenslange obsessie met Sartre en Camus, maar ook met het Louvre en het Centre Georges Pompidou, waar ze talloze uren heeft doorgebracht.*

*Laura maakt uitzonderlijke Pinot Noir's op hoogtes tussen 1.120m en 1.450 m ; uit eerbetoon aan haar grootvader Nico. Er zijn 4 verschillende percelen, Grand Mère, Grand Père, Histoire d'A en La Savante.*

*Grand Mère en Grand Père zijn prijs/kwaliteit de beste Pinot Noir's ter wereld ; Histoire d'A en La Savante concurreren met de absolute wereldtop en dat wil wat zeggen. Wereldwijde scores van 92 tot 95 / 100 !*



**DOMAINE NICO**  
**SŒUR ET FRÈRES**

VINO DE PARCELA  
*VALLE DE UCO, MENDOZA, ARGENTINA*



The world's first extreme high-altitude *parcela* Pinot Noir. An unusual location for the New World with limestone soils of alluvial origin and cool climate.



*Nicola Mc Dermott Catena*

# DOMAINE NICO

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The vineyard is named after Laura Catena's daughter Nicola, whose name pays homage to Nicola Catena, Laura's great grandfather and founder of the Catena winery in 1902.

Laura has been in love with Pinot Noir since her first travels to France when she was a teenager.

A self-avowed francophile, Laura studied French throughout university. She has a lifelong obsession with authors Sartre and Camus, as well as with the Louvre and the Centre Georges Pompidou, where she has spent countless hours.

With Domaine Nico, Laura borrows from France in the names of the wine parcels and in the concept of individual terroirs. But she also plays with the words, to give Domaine Nico a contemporary twist.



*Nicola Catena*



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GRAND MÈRE



GRAND PÈRE



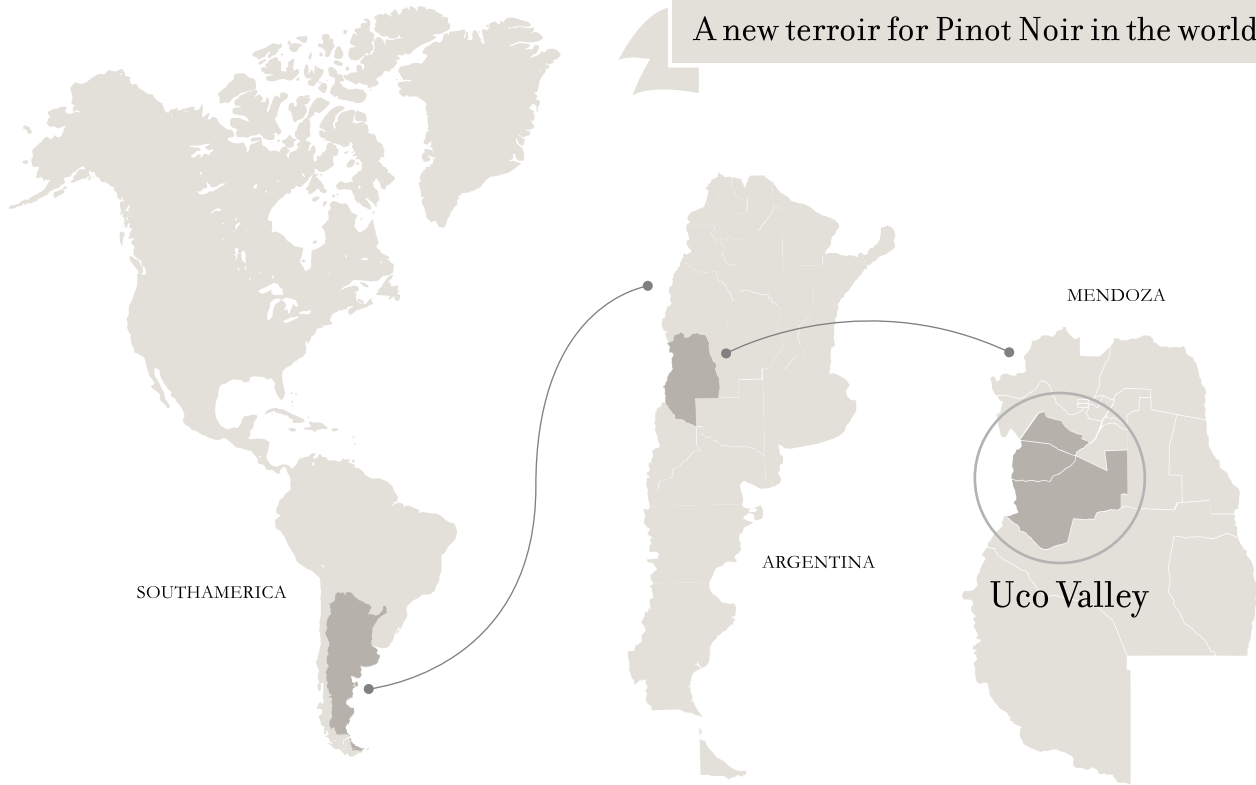
HISTOIRE D'A



LA SAVANTE



A new terroir for Pinot Noir in the world.



*“Oh you think you’re smart  
you young people,  
she said, but I’ll tell you  
you don’t know anything.”*

THE LAST WORDS OF MY ENGLISH GRANDMOTHER  
BY WILLIAM CARLOS WILLIAMS

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These two wines have a kind of elegance and classic Pinot Noir style that fits with the names, “Grandmother and Grandfather”. Laura has a profound respect for what grandparents do for children, and she wanted to honor their love and wisdom with these two wines.

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# GRAND MÈRE

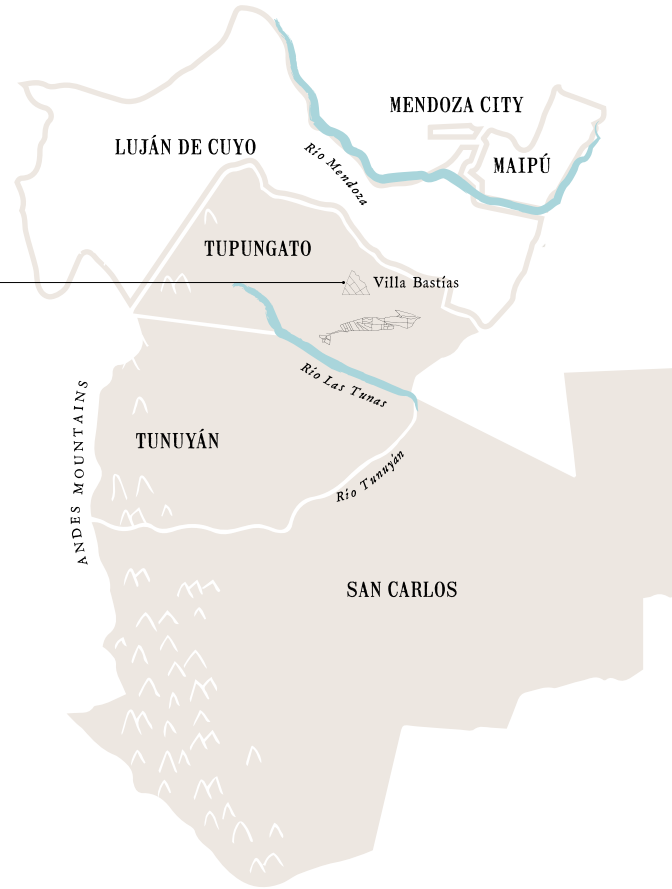
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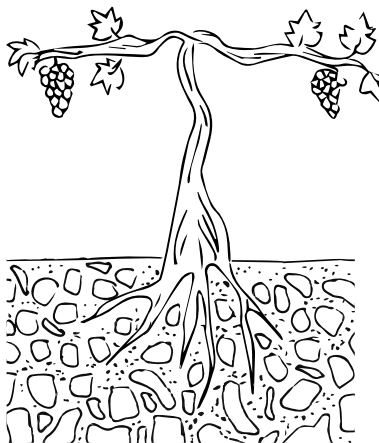
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Parcela Grand Mère  
*Pinot Noir*  
*2 hectares*  
*Planted in 2013*  
*Dijon Clone 667 & 115*





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## GRAND MÈRE

*Villa Bastías, Tupungato, Uco Valley*

1120 m.s.n.m. (3675 feet elevation)

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### SOIL

Top Soil Depth: 0.70 m loamy soil with surface gravel.

Subsoil Type: Alluvial round rocks covered with limestone.

### TASTING NOTES

Red cherry and strawberry fruit aromas. As it opens up, a little black fruit combined with a spicy character of black pepper and cinnamon. Medium acidity. Horizontal Mouth.

*“The two most powerful  
warriors are patience  
and time”*

LEO TOLSTOY

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The vineyard is old, planted in Villa Bastías with Dijon Clones in 1993. The **Grand Père** parcel is more shaded, with delicate red fruits and high acidity. Mineral. The Grand Mère parcel gets more sun, with generous and silky tannins. Winemaking is traditional and gentle for these delicate wines. Yields are extremely low in both sites due to the age of the vineyard.

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## GRAND PÈRE

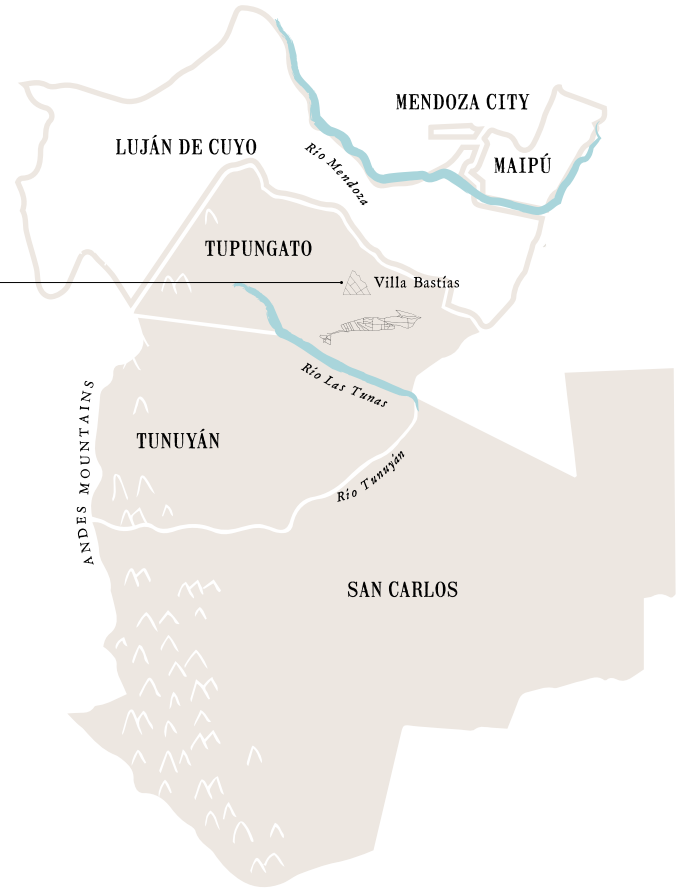
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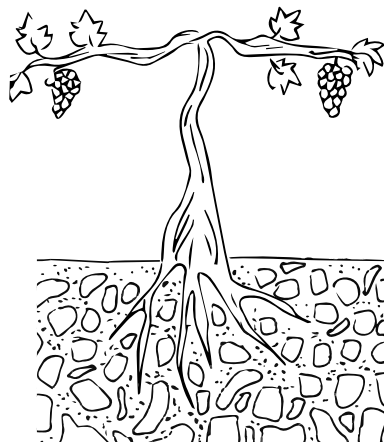
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Parcela Grand Père  
*Pinot Noir*  
*2 hectares*  
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## GRAND PÈRE

*Villa Bastías, Tupungato, Uco Valley*  
1120 m.s.n.m. (3675 feet elevation)

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### SOIL

Top Soil Depth: 0.50 m loamy soil with surface gravel.

Subsoil Type: Alluvial round rocks covered with limestone.

### TASTING NOTES

Intense fresh red fruits, medium-high acidity. Low perception of alcohol. Fine and silky tannins. Lengthy finish.

# *“My heart is as open as the sky”*

FROM THE KAMA SUTRA

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A play on the famous pornographic novel *Histoire d'O* by Pauline Réage - this parcel makes a very “sexy” wine and the name seemed appropriate.

In both ***La Savante*** and ***Histoire d'A*** we use whole clusters during fermentation to highlight the texture and graininess of the wines. ***La Savante*** is more mineral, vertical, with spicy red fruits. ***Histoire d'A*** is more generous due to the greater sun exposure, with cinnamon, clove and a perceived sweetness to the tannins.

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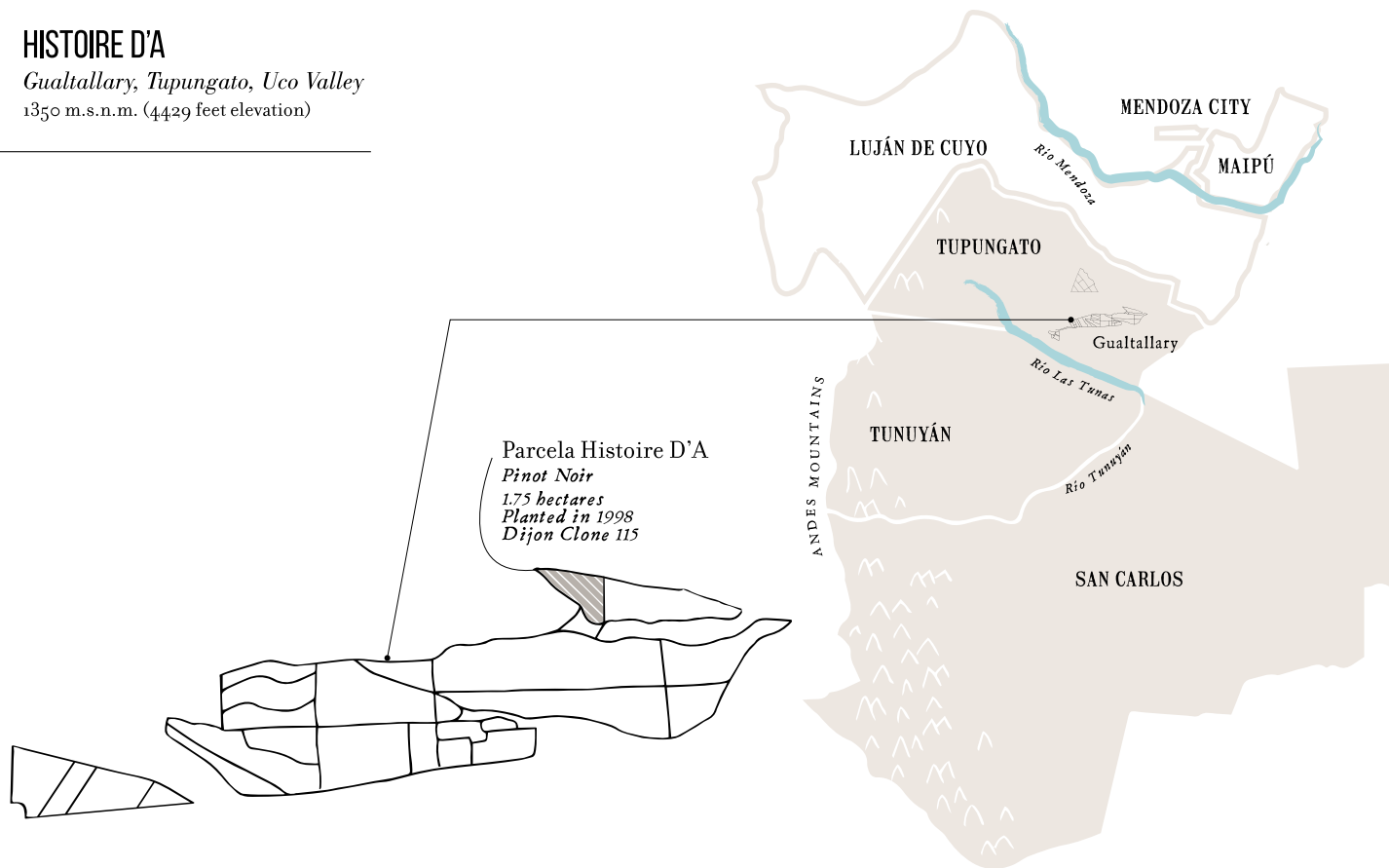
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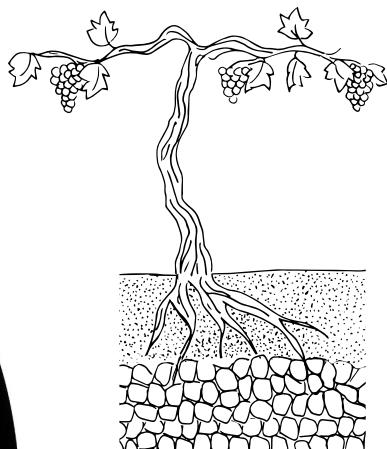
## HISTOIRE D'A

*Gualtallary, Tupungato, Uco Valley*

1350 m.s.n.m. (4429 feet elevation)

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## HISTOIRE D'A

*Gualtallary, Tupungato, Uco Valley*

1350 m.s.n.m. (4429 feet)

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### SOIL

Between depths of 0-70 cm: loamy soil with calcium carbonate. Between depths of 70-150 cm: gravel and stone 2 to 5 cm thick.

### TASTING NOTES

Red fruit and presence of herbs such as thyme, spices and clove.  
Medium-high acidity. Low alcohol. Slightly mineral and vertical mouth.  
Integrated oak. Grainy tannins.



*“She who hears, but does  
not hold what she has  
heard, learns nothing”.*

DANTE ALIGHIERI

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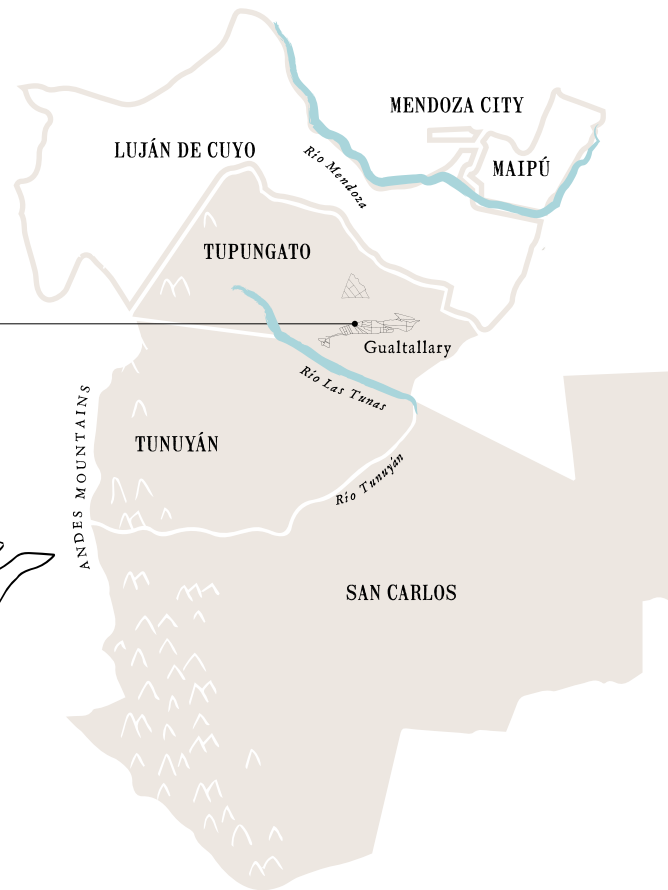
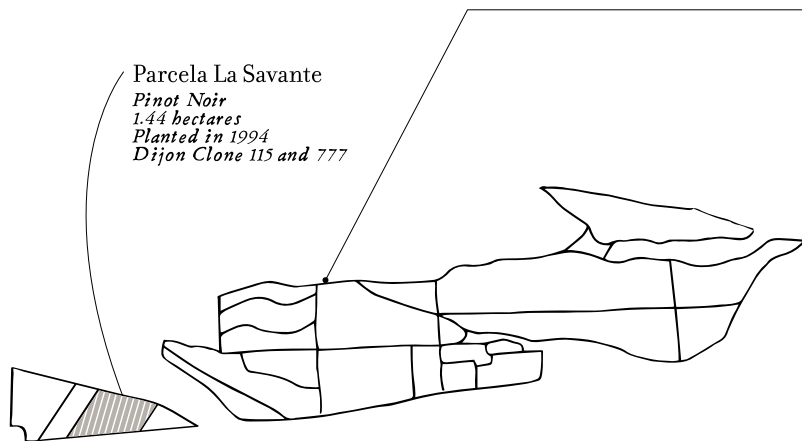
“The scholar” in the feminine, pays homage  
to scholarly women, who can be feminine and  
serious at the same time, like this wine.

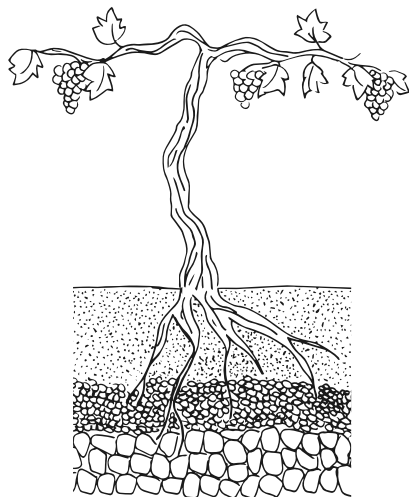
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# LA SAVANTE

*Gualtallary, Tupungato, Uco Valley*

1450 m.s.n.m. (4757 feet elevation)





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## LA SAVANTE

*Gualtallary, Tupungato, Uco Valley*

1450 m.s.n.m. (4757 feet elevation)

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### SOIL

Between depths of 0-40 cm: loose, sandy, loam soil.

Between depths of 40-60 cm: reddish-hued compact calcium carbonate.

Between depths of 60-110 cm: 90% boulder debris 5 cm in thickness, with dispersed calcium carbonate.

### TASTING NOTES

Red-mineral fruit, with slight reduction and a touch of citrus. Orange peel. Earthy character. High Acidity and low alcohol content. Vertical wine. Layered tannins.

*“And then  
she turned  
her gaze  
towards the  
heavens”*

DANTE ALIGHIERI



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This cool climate vineyard that belongs to Laura and her sister Adrianna Catena feels like paradise itself to Laura. It is lined by trees and fruit orchards, with majestic views of the Andes. Inside the 12 Hectare vineyard, there is a little house with two tiny bedrooms and a kitchen, where Laura dreams of spending a whole month reading books - Laura's version of paradise. The little house is affectionately named Château Laura.

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## ROY URVIETA

*Winemaker*

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Roy Urvieta grew up in the La Consulta district of Mendoza, one of Argentina's most famous regions for high-quality wine. He began his studies in computer science, but after a summer job at Catena when he was 18 years old, Roy fell in love with winemaking. Roy continued to work as a winemaker alongside Alejandro Vigil and Fernando Buscema at the Catena Institute while he finished his Enology degree at Universidad Tecnológica Nacional (UTN).

One of Roy's first projects was to study the behavior of different Pinot Noir clones and record the quality of each parcel.

In 2016 Roy started his Ph.D. in Agronomy at the Universidad de Buenos Aires with focus in Sensory Science. His Ph.D. thesis aims to uncover the scientific basis for the flavors and aromas of Malbec across the various Mendoza wine regions. Currently, Roy is working with Laura Catena to elaborate authentic and elegant high-altitude Argentine Pinot Noir.

## BELÉN IÁCONO

*Viticulturist*

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Belén Iácono has a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Universidad Nacional de Cuyo. She is passionate about high-altitude farming and was in charge of planting the Pinot Noir in Domaine Nico, **Le Paradis**. She is also the caretaker of Catena's Adrianna Vineyard.

