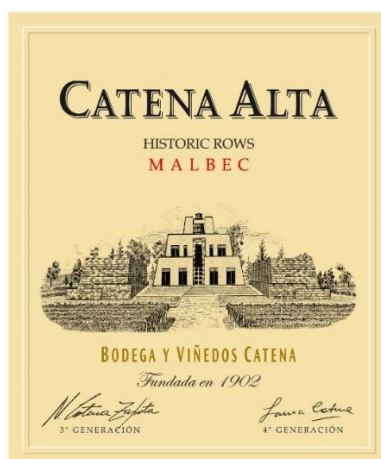


# CATENA ALTA MALBEC 2018

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## HISTORIC ROWS

Catena Alta is an assemblage of historic rows within the Catena family Estate vineyards. The blend of these historic rows, like the combination of sounds that create a symphony, give us highly aromatic and elegant wine that speaks for the terroir and the vines that have been tended by the four generations of the Catena Family. "Alta" means high in Spanish. This makes reference to the high altitude vineyards from where the grapes are sourced, and to the high end wines that are produced with these special grapes.

## WINE DESCRIPTION

Nicola Catena planted his first Malbec vineyard in Mendoza in 1902. His grandson, Nicolás Catena, is known as the man who revolutionized Argentine wine and introduced high altitude Malbec to the world. The Historic Catena Zapata vineyards are planted with the Catena family's proprietary selection of malbec plants: the Catena Cuttings. Catena Alta Malbec is sourced from Lot 18 of the Angélica vineyard, Lot 4 of the La Pirámide vineyard, Lot 1 of the Nicasia vineyard, Lot 9 of the Adrianna vineyard and Lot 6 of the Angélica Sur vineyard.

## VINIFICATION

Vineyard lots are harvested at different times to ensure optimal natural acidity and moderate alcohol levels. Whole berries are hand loaded into small format fermentation bins and 225-500 L barrels roll fermentor; lots from each vineyard are treated individually; fermentation and maceration last for 20 – 30 days; cold maceration. Wild yeasts. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in barrel; wine undergoes active battonage to protect it and drastically reduce the amount of SO<sub>2</sub> needed. Aged for 18 months in French oak.

## VINEYARDS

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.

- Lot 18, Angelica vineyard, Maipú, Luján de Cuyo (920m/3018ft). Aluvial origin. Loamy clay in the topsoil with rounded rocks on the bottom.
- Lot 4, La Piramide vineyard, Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo (950m/3116ft). Aluvial origin. Clay topsoil with rounded rocks on the bottom.
- Lot 1, Nicasia vineyard, Altamira, San Carlos, Valle de Uco (1095m/3592ft). Aluvial origin. Loamy soil, with rounded rocks on the bottom.
- Lot 9, Adrianna vineyard, Tupungato, Valle de Uco (1450m/4757ft). Aluvial origin. Gravel and limestone. Rounded rocks in the bottom.
- Lot 6, Angélica Sur, San Carlos, Valle de Uco. (1090m/3576ft). Sandy loam with presence of gravel and limestone.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Winemaker: Alejandro Vigil  
Varietal: 100% Malbec  
Alcohol: 13.8 %  
Total Acidity: 6.2 grams/liter in tartaric acid  
pH: 3.55