



D.V. Catena Tinto Historico Red Blend 2017

WINE DESCRIPTION

Don Domingo Vicente Catena, Nicolas Catena Zapata's father, was famous in the 1930's for his deep dark red wine blend. This blend was sold in the French-styled bistros of Buenos Aires - the Paris of South America - as the finest wine from the Mendoza region. This wine, DV Catena Tinto Historico Red Blend, is made in honor of Don Domingo Catena and his legendary abilities as a Master of the Assemblage. The Catena wines are a special assemblage of High Mountain Estate Vineyards made by fourth generation vintner, Laura Catena and chief winemaker, Alejandro Vigil. Although we have found that most of the Catena wines are consumed shortly after release, we are pleased to see that they age beautifully for ten to twenty years.

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TASTING NOTES

Black fruit and flowers from Uco Valley Malbec laced with spicy Petit Verdot. Malbec lends freshness and smoothness, while Petit Verdot grants volume and persistence, conferring a lush, rich attack and wonderful length to the blend.

VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	Angelica Vineyard, Adrianna Vineyard, El Cepillo Vineyard, La Piramide Vineyard
Soil composition:	Calcareous and Clay and alluvial
Training method:	VSP
Vines/acre:	1800
Exposure:	Northern
Year vineyard planted:	1902

WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	72% Malbec, 21% Bonarda, 7% Petit Verdot
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	16 days
Maceration technique:	Punchdown and Pumpovers
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	225
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	12-14
Length of bottle aging:	10
Prefermentation technique:	Cold maceration

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	13.5%
pH level:	3.8

PRODUCER PROFILE

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

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HIGH MOUNTAIN ESTATE VINEYARDS

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VINIFICATION

This wine goes through an extensive cold maceration for 5 days at 48°F (8,8°C) to extract aromas. The juice is then fermented for 16 days with a post-fermentation maceration of 22 days. Wild Yeasts. Elevage: 12-14 months in barrel. Barrel selection varies depending on vineyard and vintage -First, second and third use barrels used.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietal: 72% Malbec, 21% Bonarda, 7% Petit Verdot

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Acidity: 5.6

pH: 3.78



VINEYARDS

A Blend of Four Vineyards - vineyards are divided into lots that are harvested at different times:

Angelica Vineyard, Lunlunta 3,116 ft (920 m): aluvial origin. Loamy clay in the topsoil with rounded rocks on the bottom.

Adrianna vineyard, Gualtallary 4,757 ft (1,450 m): alluvial origin. Gravel and limestone. Rounded rocks in the bottom.

El Cepillo, Eugenio Bustos 3,593 ft (1,090 m) elevation: Loam-sandy soil with thick calcareous layers and rounded rocks on the bottom.

La Vendimia, 2460.63 ft (750 m): Aeolian and alluvial silt loam soil.

