



# LUCA

## 2018 OLD VINE MALBEC

### #4 on Wine Enthusiast's Top 100 List

#### WINERY BACKGROUND:

Luca was born out of Laura Catena's vision of creating a new breed of Argentine wines: small quantities, artisan quality, and true to their individual terroirs. She is a pioneer in Mendoza for working closely with small growers to grow very high-quality grapes from some of Argentina's best old-vine, low-yield, high elevation vineyards. Each varietal delivers power along with complexity and finesse. They are the ultimate expression of rigorous vineyard management, viticultural experimentation, strict irrigation controls, skilled winemaking, and a quest for quality at any cost.

Luca is named after Laura Catena's first son and it symbolizes her love for her family. The family crest that appears on the label belongs to her husband Dan McDermott's family.

#### VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:

The Vineyards are located in La Consulta and Gualtallary (Uco Valley). The grapes are hand-harvested and aged 14 months in 35% new French barrels and 65% 2nd use French barrels.

#### TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING:

Spice and black cherry cola aromas with notes of cocoa. The berry flavors pop on the palate from its depth and lively acidity, finishing with hints of espresso.

Pairs well with foods such as venison or wild game, steak, pork, quail, all types of lamb, and medium-strong cheeses.

**94 POINTS**

*James Suckling, April 2020*

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*Wine Enthusiast, December 2020*

**92 POINTS**

*The Wine Advocate, October 2019*

**92 POINTS**

*Wine & Spirits, October 2020*

**VINTAGE** 2018

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**

3,500 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES**

52 yrs.

**ALCOHOL** 14%





## TASTING NOTES

This is a great example of Mendoza Malbec. Incredible deep purple red color. Loads of spice and black and red cherry aromas with notes of chocolate. The berry flavors really pop on the palate as the wine has both a full mid palate and lively acidity that leads to an incredibly long finish. A bottom note of freshly brewed espresso keeps the mouth watering too. This one is a teenager at the moment, and should age very well (and not talk back when you don't give it the car keys!). Pairs well with foods such as venison or wild game, steak, pork, quail, all types of lamb, and medium-strong cheeses. A very flexible Malbec due to its concentration and balance.



ARTISANAL WINES BY *Laura Catena*

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## History

*Laura Catena is a 4th generation Malbec grower.*

*With Luca, Laura pioneered grower relations in Mendoza and discovered many small old vine Malbec vineyards that were previously going into bulk wine.*

*The Luca team works with some of the best family vineyards in the Uco Valley to make this rich and dense example of Malbec.*

## TECHNICAL FACTS

**VINTAGE** 2018

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION** 100% Malbec

**VINEYARD LOCATIONS** Uco Valley.

La Consulta and Gualtallary

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION** 3,500 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 51 years

**OAK REGIMEN** 12 months in 35% new French oak & 65% second use French oak barrels

**ALCOHOL** 13,6%

**pH** 3,65

**T.A.** 5,8

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