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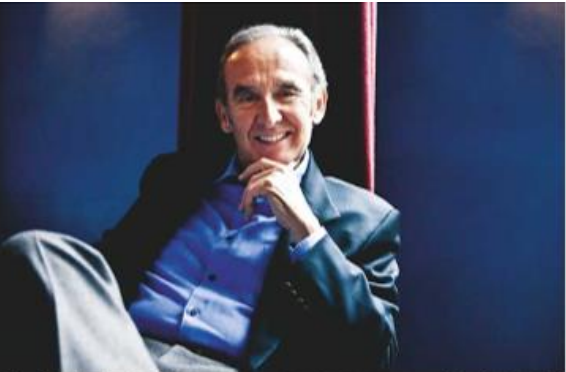
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BODEGA Y VIÑEDOS CATENA

CATENA

Made from 100% estate-grown fruit from the family's high-altitude vineyards; these wines capture the different expressions of each varietal across multiple altitudes, blending them in a signature style.

CATENA CHARDONNAY 2022: JAMES SUCKLING 93

WINE ADVOCATE 91

Price: "X"

*"A pretty mineral nose with a creamy layer to the roasted pineapples, lemon and marzipan. Fresh and really textured on the palate with a medium to full body. It has a lightly phenolic, viscous texture and a bright acidity. **Very good value.**"* James Suckling

CATENA MALBEC 2021: VINOUS 92

WINE ADVOCATE 91 / JAMES SUCKLING 91 / TIM ATKIN 90

Price: "X"

*"The 2021 Malbec Catena is a blend of grapes from the Uco Valley and Luján de Cuyo, Mendoza and was aged for up to eight months in varied use barrels. Purple in the glass. The nose presents notes of fresh plum, herbs and hints of violet against an oaky backdrop. Creamy on the palate with mild freshness and an expansive flow, the year has added a touch more fresh fruit at the back of the mouth. **A subtle wine.**"* Vinous

CATENA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021: JAMES SUCKLING 91

WINE ADVOCATE 91 / TIM ATKIN 90

Price: "X"

*"Lots of fresh black and blue fruit on the nose with dried leaves, chocolate orange and rosemary. Medium-bodied with fine, polished tannins. **Fresh, creamy cabernet.**"* James Suckling



CATENA APPELLATION

The flavors of our Catena Appellation "Village" wines express the diversity of terroir and the historic farming customs of these locations.

CATENA APPELLATION TUPUNGATO CHARDONNAY 2022: JAMES SUCKLING 92

Price: "X"

"A lovely chardonnay with some bread crust and spice to the lemon curd and green apples. Fresh and creamy on the palate with a medium body and nice length. Generous, but still pretty dry." James Suckling

CATENA APPELLATION LUJAN DE CUYO WHITE CLAY 2022: JAMES SUCKLING 92

Price: "X"

"Medium gold hue with a light honeyed tone with waxed lemon and fine lees. **Creamy and round on the medium-bodied palate** with fresh, medium acidity." James Suckling

CATENA APPELLATION VISTA FLORES MALBEC 2021: WINE ADVOCATE 92

JAMES SUCKLING 92

Price: "X"

"...It was produced with grapes from loamy soils with rounded stones at 1,100 meters above sea level. It fermented in stainless steel and matured in French oak barrels, 35% of them new, for 12 months. It has moderate 13.7% alcohol and very good acidity and freshness, reflecting a cool vintage, with varietal notes of violets, berries and herbs and a medium-bodied palate with fine tannins." Wine Advocate

CATENA APPELLATION PARAJE ALTAMIRA MALBEC 2021: JAMES SUCKLING 93

WINE ADVOCATE 92+ / VINOUS 92

Price: "X"

"Medium-bodied malbec with violets, blueberries, raspberries, licorice and orange peel on the nose. Vibrant and crunchy, with bright, pleasantly lifted berry fruit and tight, stemmy tannins. **Lots of tension.**" James Suckling

CATENA APPELLATION LA CONSULTA MALBEC 2021: VINOUS 93

WINE ADVOCATE 92 / JAMES SUCKLING 92

Price: "X"

"The 2021 Malbec Catena Appellation La Consulta from the Uco Valley, was aged for eight months in barrels, a quarter of them new. Purple in hue. The aromatic profile is full of vivid fruity notes such as fresh sour cherry and plum with hints of jam and violets over a bed of oak. Fairly smooth and broad on the palate with juicy freshness and excellent flavor, this is a textbook. **La Consulta wine; it's a terroir that acts a bridge between Luján de Cuyo and the Uco Valley.**" Vinous

CATENA APPELLATION LUNLUNTA MALBEC 2021: WINE ADVOCATE 92

JAMES SUCKLING 92 / VINOUS 92

Price: "X"

"The 2021 Appellation Lunlunta Malbec was produced with grapes from vines planted in 1930 at 920 meters in altitude. It fermented with full malolactic and had an élevage of six to eight months in barrels, some 40% of them new. The cool year kept the alcohol to a moderate 13.5% with the depth and wisdom from old vines that somehow transmit a sense of harmony. **This classical zone in Maipú produces traditional Malbecs with varietal typicity**, floral with berries and herbs and a touch of sweet spices, fresh and balanced with some earthy rusticity and juicy fruit." Wine Advocate

CATENA APPELLATION SAN CARLOS CABERNET FRANC 2021: WINE ADVOCATE 93

JAMES SUCKLING 92 / VINOUS 92

Price: "X"

"The peppery, spicy ad elegant Appellation San Carlos Cabernet Franc is fresh, varietal, nuanced and complex while keeping the alcohol to a moderate 13.6%, which makes it attractive and easy to drink, with nice balance and very fine tannins. **I usually like the precision and symmetry in this lively wine that has a velvety mouthfeel.**" Wine Advocate

CATENA APPELLATION AGRELO CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021: VINOUS 93

WINE ADVOCATE 92 / JAMES SUCKLING 92

Price: "X"

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Catena Appellation from Luján de Cuyo was aged for eight months in a third new barrels. Garnet red in hue. The nose offers notes of roasted red pepper, ash and ripe blackcurrant along with hints of spice. **Broad and expansive in the mouth**, the mild palate presents grippy tannins that channel and structure the flow into the pleasant, lengthy, bold finish." Vinous



D.V. CATENA HISTÓRICOS

This wine is our homage to Domingo Vicente Catena, the “master blender”. Don Domingo, Laura Catena’s grandfather, was famous in the 1930’s for his deep dark red blend. This wine was sold in the French-styled bistrós of Buenos Aires – the Paris of South America – as the finest wine from the Mendoza region.

D.V. CATENA TINTO HISTÓRICO 2021: JAMES SUCKLING 92

VINOUS 92 / WINE ADVOCATE 91

Price: “X”

*“A fragrant nose full of vivid strawberries and sweet cherries. Tight and lightly chewy on the palate with plenty of fruit. Juicy, balanced and quite drinkable. **75% malbec, 18% bonarda and 7% petit verdot.**” James Suckling*

D.V. CATENA MALBEC HISTÓRICO 2021: JAMES SUCKLING 93

VINOUS 92

Price: “X”

*“A very racy and focused nose full of red fruit. High intensity of red berries, strawberries and hibiscus flowers with a hint of coffee. Ripe on the palate with red fruit and sweet, polished tannins. Supple and juicy finish. **Delicious now.**” James Suckling*

D.V. CATENA CABERNET HISTÓRICO 2021: VINOUS 93

Price: “X”

*“The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Histórico DV Catena is 95% Malbec and 5% Cabernet Franc from Agrelo, Luján de Cuyo and Villas Bastías, Tupungato. This wine was aged for eight months in new and used barrels. Garnet red in hue. It has intense aromas of roasted red pepper and hints of blackcurrant and black pepper. Broad on the palate with a degree of grip and a refined texture, the finish is long and fruity. **The 2021 is a quintessentially balanced wine.**” Vinous*



CATENA ALTA

ALTA means high, for CATENA's High-Altitude revolution – Nicolás Catena planted at high altitude looking for a cooler climate that would allow him to make wines with optimal natural acidity, complexity and the ability to age.

HISTORIC ROWS refers to the row-by-row selection for the Alta wines from CATENA's Historic Vineyards – every vineyard has a sweet spot – that is where CATENA ALTA comes from.

CATENA ALTA CHARDONNAY 2021: JAMES SUCKLING 94

VINOUS 94 / WINE ADVOCATE 92+ / TIM ATKIN 92

Price: "X"

*"A light gold hue here with a creaminess to the nose and palate. Dried lemon and a hint of brioche. **A rounder, medium-to full-bodied chardonnay with excellent balance and poise.** Some botrytis here with around 30% malolactic fermentation."* James Suckling

CATENA ALTA MALBEC 2020: WINE ADVOCATE 93

JAMES SUCKLING 93 / VINOUS 93 / TIM ATKIN 92

Price: "X"

*"The perfumed and floral 2020 Catena Alta Malbec is serious and keeps the balance and poise in this warm and challenging year of the pandemic. It's ripe without excess at 13.8% alcohol and has mellow acidity, coming through as serious and balanced in the palate, with abundant, fine-grained tannins and a tasty and long finish. **It's a serious Malbec that overdelivers for the conditions of the year.**"* Wine Advocate

CATENA ALTA CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2020: VINOUS 95

JAMES SUCKLING 93 / TIM ATKIN 93 / WINE ADVOCATE 92

Price: "X"

*"The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Catena Alta contains an 8% dash of Cabernet Franc from Luján de Cuyo and the Uco Valley. The wine was aged for up to 18 months in new and used barrels. It's garnet red in the glass. The complex nose showcases dried flowers, blackcurrant, hints of jam and gentle red pepper notes against a cedar backdrop. Lean in feel with expansive, grippy tannins, the flow is well-channeled with good volume. **A lovely, continental Cabernet.**"* Vinous



BODEGA CATENA ZAPATA

Four generations of the Catena family have farmed the vineyards of Mendoza, ever since Italian founder Nicola Catena planted his first Malbec vines in 1902.

Robert Parker's 2005 book about the 100 "Greatest World Wine Estates" featured only one winery from South America: Catena Zapata. Parker wrote: "Argentina's greatest visionary is Nicolás Catena Zapata, and his crusade for high-altitude vineyards and conservative viticultural practices has resulted in one after another breakthrough wines that have pushed Argentina to the forefront of the modern winemaking revolution."

Joined by his daughter Dr. Laura Catena in 1995, the father-daughter team's vision is to elevate Argentine wine for another 200 years through the study of high-altitude terroir and the preservation of ungrafted Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon massale selections.

In 2018 Catena Zapata joined La Place with two wines: Nicolás Catena Zapata, the winery's top Cabernet Sauvignon blend, and Adrianna Vineyard Mundus Bacillus Terrae, the winery's top Malbec *cru*.



CATENA ZAPATA MALBEC ARGENTINO 2021: WINE ADVOCATE 96

JAMES SUCKLING 96 / TIM ATKIN 94

Price: "X"

*"The very young but already harmonious 2021 Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino has one of the showier labels from the Catena portfolio. 2021 was a cooler year, as cold as 2016, but instead of a wet year like 2016, it was dry. The wine is juicy and reveals a vibrant palate and very clean and focused aromas and flavors. **It's clean and precise** with varietal aromas of violets, ripe berries and herbs and a spicy touch from the *élevage* in oak. It's another great vintage for this blend of grapes from the vineyards of Angélica (Lunlunta) and Nicasia (Altamira). It's nicely textured and tasty, medium to full-bodied and with a vibrant finish."* Wine Advocate

No matter what the vintage is, 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. Old Vines from the Catena Zapata Family Vineyards, Nicasia and Angélica.

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 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.

CATENA ZAPATA NICASIA VINEYARD MALBEC 2020: JAMES SUCKLING 97

WINE ADVOCATE 96 / VINOUS 96 / TIM ATKIN 94

Price: "X"

*"A mixture of black and blue fruit, very perfumed and elegant. Cherries, plums and blueberries with a peppery undertone. Crushed violets, too. Bone-dry on the palate with **abundant, silky tannins and a juicy, lengthy finish.**"* James Suckling
Located in the far southerly growing region of Paraje Altamira in La Consulta, the Nicasia vineyard is the only planting of the special Catena Zapata Selection of Malbec cuttings in this traditional area for Malbec. La Consulta was Nicolás Catena Zapata's father Domingo's preferred Malbec location. This wine is made from a meticulous vine selection in the best, historic rows of the wine's namesake vineyard. These Zapata Vines are carefully hand-tended and produce extremely low yields. The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 18 months. Made in very limited quantities.



NICOLÁS CATENA ZAPATA

*"It strikes me as being Argentina's equivalent of
a great vintage of Lafite-Rothschild"*

**98+ ROBERT PARKER JR'S THE WINE ADVOCATE
on Nicolás Catena Zapata 2004**

NICOLÁS CATENA ZAPATA 2020: JAMES SUCKLING 98

TIM ATKIN 97 / WINE ADVOCATE 95

Price: "X"

*"Cassis, tobacco, wet stones, iron and baking spices to the nose, showing class, restraint and complexity. Medium- to full-bodied on the palate with super fine tannins. Dry, super elegant and silky with a lengthy, polished finish. **Really Bordeaux-like.** Juicy and long. 54% cabernet sauvignon from Gualtallary, 25% cabernet franc from Altamira and 21% malbec from both areas. The highest portion of cabernet franc this year helped retain its nervy freshness! **This is classy and beautiful.**"*
James Suckling

With its inaugural 1997 vintage, Nicolás Catena Zapata became the first luxury cuvée from Argentina to be exported around the world. The wine recreates the "Original Bordeaux Blend" of the 18th and 19th Centuries, when Malbec dominated over Merlot and was in equal standing to Cabernet Sauvignon in the Médoc. Pre-phylloxeric Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon massale selections of ungrafted vines give rise to this wine, opening a window to the past from the mountain vineyards of Mendoza, Argentina.



ADRIANNA VINEYARD

South America's Grand Cru

"Words do not do justice to this beauty."

LUIS GUTIERREZ, ROBERT PARKER JR'S THE WINE ADVOCATE



ADRIANNA VINEYARD WHITE STONES CHARDONNAY 2021: WINE ADVOCATE 98

JAMES SUCKLING 98 / TIM ATKIN 96

Price: "X"

*"The 2021 White Stones Chardonnay is subtler and more elegant, a little closed with moderate ripeness and alcohol (12.5%) and a mineral palate with strong chalky sensations. It might be worth reproducing their explanation about this wine, **one of the finest whites in Argentina**: 'The term 'white stones' refers to the composition of said rows of soil, with white oval stones covered by gravel. The vineyard 'Adrianna' is planted at an altitude of almost 1,500 meters above sea level, in the district of Gualtallary in Tupungato. The stony soil prevents deep root growth, providing optimum drainage. These soils are very poor in organic matter and contribute to support vines' permanent stress conditions. The cool nights allow for very slow ripening, optimal acid retention and low yields.' **This is serious and tasty.**"* Wine Advocate

White Stones Chardonnay comes from a select 27 rows within Block 1 of the Adrianna Vineyard. The name refers to the ground beneath the vines which is covered with gravel - oval white stones.

The rocky soil prevents deep root growth and allows for ideal drainage conditions. These are very poor soils where the vines are constantly in conditions of stress. The cool nights allow for very slow ripening, optimal acid retention and low yields.

ADRIANNA VINEYARD WHITE BONES CHARDONNAY 2021: JAMES SUCKLING 99

WINE ADVOCATE 98+ / TIM ATKIN 98

Price: "X"

*"What an exotic, perfumed yet elegant nose here full of thyme, local herbs, green papaya, ginger and green curry. Lemon grass and lime zest. So fresh and elegant on the palate with a chalky texture to the center-palate. Really transparent, subtle, quiet and long. **A unique chardonnay from a cool and elegant vintage, but intense and idiosyncratic. Unique to the landscape.**"* James Suckling

White Bones Chardonnay comes from select rows within Block 1 of the Adrianna Vineyard. The name refers to the soil underneath these rows, which is layered with calcareous deposits and limestone as well as fossilized animal bones - remnants of a river that used to pass through the region. There are many theories about why the grapes coming from these rows have such distinctive floral aromatics with an earthy minerality in the nose and palate. It may be related to the minerals in the soil or to the effects that the calcareous deposits have on root penetration. At this extreme high altitude, the nights are cool, only a few degrees above freezing even in the summer. The night-day temperature difference is between 15 and 20 degrees. And the sunlight is more intense because of the altitude.

ADRIANNA VINEYARD FORTUNA TERRAE MALBEC 2020: WINE ADVOCATE 98

JAMES SUCKLING 98 / TIM ATKIN 95 / VINOUS 95

Price: "X"

"The 2020 Adrianna Vineyard Fortuna Terrae shows exceptionally well. It's still young and juicy with some baby fat that should get rendered with some more time in bottle. It's a little lighter, and the tannins gave it grip and a chalky limestone sensation. But the wine is very expressive, with purity, clean and precise and not showing any signs of coming from a warmer year like 2020. It finishes with the telltale violets from the great Malbec grape coated by chalky minerality. This plot behaves well in warmer years like this one." Wine Advocate

Fortuna Terrae means 'luck of the earth' in Latin which best describes the Malbec parcel of Adrianna Vineyard from which this wine is made. Deep, loamy soils combined with the altitude help this wine deliver optimal acidity with delicate floral aromas.

ADRIANNA VINEYARD RIVER MALBEC 2020: JAMES SUCKLING 99

WINE ADVOCATE 97+ / VINOUS 97 / TIM ATKIN 96

Price: "X"

*"Wild blackberries, pine cones, bark, chili chocolate, cracked pepper, cloves, iodine and crushed stones on the nose. Full-bodied with firm, creamy tannins. **Lovely coolness and minerality to the dark fruit. Powerful, too.**"* James Suckling
River Malbec is named for the section of Adrianna Vineyard that was once a river but whose ground is filled with white stones, which provides optimal drainage and helps moderate extreme temperatures while developing a wine that is extremely aromatic, rich and luxurious.

ADRIANNA VINEYARD MUNDUS BACILLUS TERRAE MALBEC 2020: TIM ATKIN 98

WINE ADVOCATE 97 / JAMES SUCKLING 97 / VINOUS 97

Price: "X"

*"Tasting the 2020 Adrianna Vineyard Mundus Bacillus Terrae next to the 2019 showed a different aromatic profile of darker fruit, denoting ripeness and sun. The wine was still very young with a luxurious, creamy texture and mouthfeel. 2020 was an extremely dry year (70% lower than the average with just 282 liters!), and the grapes were picked two to three weeks earlier. It has a bright, saturated color and a heady nose with ripe berries and a spicy, smoky twist from 19 months in oak vats. **It's medium to full bodied, with a soft texture and velvety tannins, sleek and seamless.**"* Wine Advocate
Mundus Bacillus Terrae Malbec is named for the unique microorganisms found in the limestone layered soil in a small parcel of the vineyard. This wine delivers high acidity coupled with chalky tannins and unbelievable freshness.



WINE ENTHUSIAST

WINE ENTHUSIAST'S LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2021 – Nicolás Catena Zapata

"Known as the father of Malbec and the man who revolutionized Argentine wine, Dr. Catena is the First South American Vintner to receive Wine Enthusiast's Lifetime Achievement Award". Wine Enthusiast, October 2021



N°1 WORLD'S MOST ADMIRED WINE BRAND

Catena Zapata was voted N°1 of the world in 2020. The survey was conducted in association with market research specialists at Wine Intelligence. Drinks International, April 2020

Wine Spectator

WINE SPECTATOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD 2012 – Nicolás Catena Zapata

"Nicolás Catena Zapata has helped Argentina raise wine quality and earn recognition on the world stage, bringing it fully into the New World of wine." Wine Spectator, October 2012



"When all is said and done, Catena Zapata is the Argentina winery of reference – the standard of excellence for comparing all others." Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, December 2007

Decanter

DECANTER MAN OF THE YEAR 2009 – Nicolás Catena Zapata

"While its seat at the top table of wine producing countries is now secure, Argentina has one man above all to thank for its elevation. Nicolás Catena became the leading architect of his country's transformation to quality wine exporter." Decanter, April 2009



"Nicolás Catena Zapata is justly credited with putting Argentinean Wines on the world map – by the best expedient of focusing entirely on quality." Jancis Robinson, MW



"Argentina's leap in quality arrived in the 1990's when Argentine wine producer Nicolás Catena Zapata, through rigorous experimentation, decides to plant vineyards at high altitude and develops a selection of Malbec." Gambero Rosso, Italia, October 2012



"Nicolás Catena Zapata is a man of vision, of high intellect, always curious about others and about how the world is developing. He has been instrumental in changing the Argentinian wine scene more than anybody else, pushing it towards high quality and intelligent marketing." Baron Eric de Rothschild, Domaines Barons de Rothschild



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