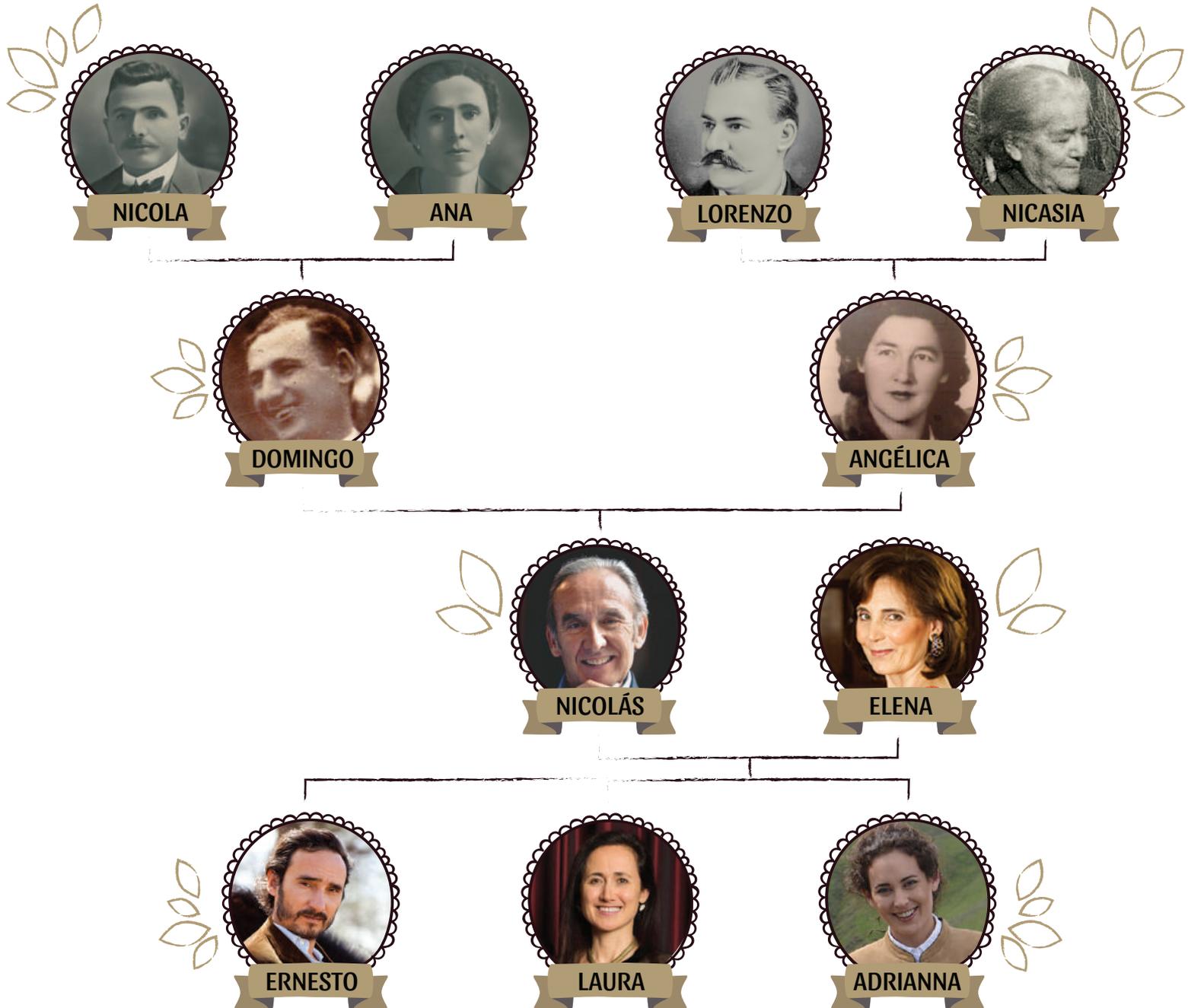


Catena Family History

100 Years of Elevating Argentine Wine



BODEGA CATENA ZAPATA

Mendoza - Argentina



My great-grandfather, Nicola Catena, was a dreamer and a risk-taker. Sailing from Italy in 1898 in search of a new opportunity, he reached the rolling hills of Mendoza, Argentina and felt he had found the Promised Land. In 1902, he fulfilled his dream by planting his first Malbec vineyard and establishing a family winery that has been passed down through four generations.

Under the leadership of my father, Nicolas Catena Zapata, the winery experienced its First Revolution. Inspired by what he saw at the wineries in Napa in the early 1980s, my father returned to Argentina determined to make Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay that could rival the best in the world. By turning his attention to vineyard management and winemaking techniques, my father changed the course of Argentinian wine. His passion and bold vision led to the 1997 vintage of Nicolas Catena Zapata, a Cabernet-Malbec blend that stood supreme with the best wines of the time in blind tastings around the world.

My great-grandfather planted Malbec because he believed Argentina would provide the sun and the soil the grape needed to once again thrive. My father shared that vision, but he still felt Malbec had yet to reach its full potential. Despite all those who told him he was crazy, he selected land at almost 5,000 feet and planted what is now known as Adrianna Vineyard. He believed—and was right—that a vineyard at this altitude would elevate the tannins and produce wines that had power, texture, and richness unlike any other in Mendoza. This “daring move” has become his Second Revolution.

I joined my father in 1995, committed to his dream of “Grand Cru or nothing.” With my background in science and a need to better understand the terroir of our vineyards, I formed the Catena Institute of Wine. With a clear vision in mind, I led the team to identify the unique parcels within Adrianna Vineyard and fine-tune the way each individual vine is treated. The results speak for themselves: five award-winning, outstanding wines that represent not only the best in Argentina but some of the best in the world. And it showed to my father that I, too, could create a ‘Revolution’.

Laura Catena

Dr. Laura Catena
Fourth Generation
Catena Zapata Family Vintner



CATENA ZAPATA | NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA

The inaugural 1997 vintage of this Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec blend set a new standard of quality for wines from South America when it won a series of blind tastings against other prestigious cuvées from around the world.

Nicolás Catena Zapata is made from a plant-by-plant selection of historic rows in the Catena Zapata vineyards. The wine is made from over 200 separate microvinifications representing different rows, altitudes, and harvest times. The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 24 months and an additional 24 months in the bottle before release. It is only produced in outstanding vintage years.

Tasting Note:

Nicolás Catena Zapata has an intense dark violet color with blue-black tones. A complex wine with delicate aromas of black cherry and licorice, it is enlivened by minerals, violet, spice, and herbs. The palate is sharply delineated and impressively concentrated, with a serious backbone supporting its very fresh currant and mineral flavors.

2015

96 - James Suckling
96 - Tim Atkin
94 - Vinous

2014

97 - James Suckling
95 - The Wine Advocate
94 - Tim Atkin

2013

96 - The Wine Advocate
96 - Tim Atkin
94 - Wine Enthusiast
94 - Vinous

2012

97 - James Suckling
94 - Vinous

2011

96 - Tim Atkin
95 - James Suckling

2010

96 - Tim Atkin
95 - The Wine Advocate
94 - Vinous

2009

95 - The Wine Advocate
95 - James Suckling
94 - Wine Spectator

2008

98 - The Wine Advocate

2007

98 - The Wine Advocate
94 - Wine Enthusiast

2006

97 - The Wine Advocate
94+ - Vinous

“It strikes me as being Argentina’s equivalent of a great vintage of Lafite-Rothschild”.

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate
December 2007

NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA 2004
98+ points

2005

98 - The Wine Advocate
94+ - Vinous
94 - Wine Spectator
94 - Wine Enthusiast

2004

98+ - The Wine Advocate

2001

94 - The Wine Advocate

1999

94 - The Wine Advocate

1997

95 - The Wine Advocate





NICOLAS
CATENA ZAPATA

2000



MENDOZA - ARGENTINA

The Catena Dream:

to make Argentine wines that can stand with the best of the world



Average rating
2004 to 2013

97.6	97.4	97.2	96.5	96.4	96.2	96.1	95.8	95.7	95.6
									
Domaine Romanée-Conti	Penfolds Grange	Shafer Hillside Select	Adrianna Vineyard Catena Zapata	Gaja Sori di San Lorenzo	Tenuta dell'Ornellaia Masseto	Nicolás Catena Zapata	Vega Sicilia Único	Chateau Latour	Opus One
									
FR	AUS	USA	ARG	ITA	ITA	ARG	SP	FR	USA



Vivino's Most Awarded Winery in the World 2018

"Argentina's Bodega Catena Zapata is the only producer that won in every single style of its country and racked up the most winners with 15 total winning wines".



Wine Spectator Distinguished Service Award 2012 – Nicolás Catena

"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."



"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

100 BEST WINE ESTATES: Only Winery from South America listed in "Greatest Wine Estates of the World"

- By Robert Parker.

Extraordinary Winery Award from Argentina 2017 - Bodega Catena Zapata

- By Robert Parker. & Michelin, October 2017



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."



"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 clones...And it is at this point that the history of Argentina and Malbec come together. The result is a unique story with a most favorable ending: the wine of Nicolás Catena earns a place in wine lists around the world and other producers follow his example."

- 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 [Lafite].

