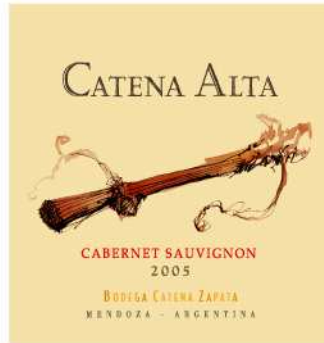


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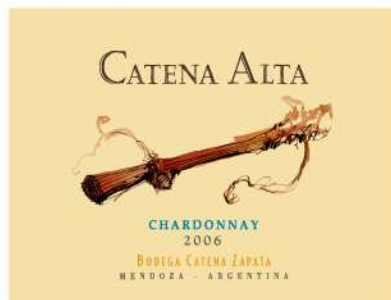
Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon 2005 - 92 POINTS

Bright ruby. Complex, musky, perfumed aromas of dark raspberry, licorice, spices, bonfire, violet and lavender. Suave, lush and light on its feet, with lovely lift to its red fruit, floral and spice flavors. Finishes utterly seamless, with sweet tannins and excellent persistence. A terrific cabernet.



Catena Alta Malbec 2005 - 91 POINTS

Bright ruby-red. Aromas and flavors of black raspberry, coffee, smoke and red licorice, with a slightly high-toned briary quality. Then sweet, dense and superripe, with a creamy, seamless texture and impressive depth to the middle palate. Liqueur-like yet not at all heavy. Finishes with substantial chewy tannins and noteworthy length.



Catena Alta Chardonnay 2006 - 91 POINTS

Bright medium yellow. Complex aromas of peach, minerals, iodine, mace, truffle and vanillin oak. Rich, lush and tactile, with a strong nutty oak component supported by stone fruits and an impression of mineral extract. Broad chardonnay with a distinctly light touch. Finishes sweet but firm.