

NICOLAS CATENA ZAPATA
"ARGENTINA'S BEST
CABERNET SAUVIGNON BASED WINE"
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"Despite there being some old-vine Cabernet lurking in Mendoza and Cafayate, it wasn't really until after Nicolas Catena's conversion on the road to Napa at the start of the 1980s that Cabernet Sauvignon was introduced as a modern variety into Argentina's vineyards and thinking.

The first serious attention paid to Cabernet beyond Argentina's peaks followed a blind tasting organized by Catena in London . . . the pioneering Catena invited leading experts to taste his 95% Cabernet, 5% Malbec 1997 Nicolas Catena Zapata against the best of Bordeaux and California. The Nicolas Catena Zapata came top, outshining Latour, Haut-Brion, Opus One, and Caymus.

This stylish blend of Cabernet and Malbec, displaying olive and dark cherry aromas, with rich, intensely flavored damson and mulberry fruit, is proof that Argentina can produce a real icon. 2007 - 15."

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