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## Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon 1999

Caramel, cedar and spice speak volumes of oak, but it works here. The fruit is super-ripe, soft as a bruised plum, and feels more Merlot even as it tastes of Cabernet with a sweet, caramelized carrot base note, the grape's herbal component taken to a riper level. Lashings of vanilla wrap it all together, making for an over-the-top red to serve with brisket braised in red wine.

90 Points



## Catena Malbec 2001

Rich, spicy, and chocolate-smooth, this is typical Catena in size and grandeur; typical Malbec in solid but soft fruit. Match its fresh plumminess and licorice spice to a rib-eye cooked over a hickory fire.

87 Points



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