

# CATENA ZAPATA IS #1 BEST VINEYARD IN ARGENTINA AND #9 IN THE WORLD

‘World’s Best Vineyards’ Announced Top 50 in Mendoza, Argentina

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World’s Best Vineyards (WBV) has revealed the top wine destinations for 2022 at an event held in Argentina’s wine capital, Mendoza. The annual list, which highlights the world’s finest and most diverse vineyards across the globe, announced the Top 50 with the innovative Antinori nel Chianti Classico in Tuscany, Italy, topping the list for the first time. **Catena Zapata is the highest entry from Mendoza, at number 9 in the World and number 1 from Argentina.**

This year’s host, Mendoza, is renowned as the main wine producing region in Argentina with more than 150,000 hectares of vineyards and over 800 wineries across the region. Moreover, Mendoza is home to beautiful natural scenery, including rivers and valleys where tourists can enjoy a range of outdoor activities, such as horse riding, rafting, sunset mountain biking and zip-lining.

The World’s Best Vineyards annual list features the top vineyards to visit globally and aims to promote wine tourism around the world. Each year the list showcases unique vineyards with unrivalled visitor experiences, from modern architectural wonders, UNESCO-protected ancient cellars, and Michelin-starred restaurants to family-run wineries with intimate tours. The Voting Academy consists of over 500 leading wine experts, sommeliers and travel experts and they submit their nominations based on the different criteria that make the best destination vineyard, including quality of the overall experience, ambiance, cuisine, activities, views, staff, and value for money. The results are then collated and converted into the World’s Best Vineyards list.

**Andrew Reed, Managing Director Wine and Exhibitions at William Reed**, commented:

*“The World’s Best Vineyards highlights wine tourism destinations around the globe and now that travel is back on the cards, this year’s list is more important than ever for raising profiles with tourists and those looking for authentic and unique trips. We are so pleased to have been able to travel to Mendoza for this year’s event. It is a place of extraordinary beauty and of course, lots of amazing vineyards - the perfect wine tourism destination. Gracias!”*

**Dr. Laura Catena, Managing Director at Catena Zapata**, observed:

*“Today Mendoza is one of the most important regions of the World’s Best Vineyards and this is something we would have never imagined 20 years ago. When we started planting at high altitude in the 80s, Mendoza was barely known as wine region, the world did not even know that we produced wine. My father [Nicolás Catena] made a bet then... and now, being one of the hosts of these awards is proof that he was right.”*

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Catena Zapata hosted 80 guests from all over world, including international media, local press and WBV academy chairs, who enjoyed diverse wine experiences and a four-course meal held at the family winery’s brand-new restaurant, “Angélica” (named in honor of Angélica Zapata). A theatre play on the story of our precious Malbec grape was performed as part of the celebration.



# 2022 TOP 50 RESULTS:

VINEYARD	COUNTRY
1. Antinori nel Chianti Classico (Marchesi Antinori)	Italy
2. Bodegas de los Herederos del Marqués de Riscal	Spain
3. Montes	Chile
4. VIK Winery	Chile
5. Fürst von Metternich-Winneburg'sche Domäne Schloss Johannisberg	Germany
6. González Byass – Bodegas Tio Pepe	Spain
7. Robert Mondavi Winery	US
8. Quinta do Crasto	Portugal
<b>9. Catena Zapata</b>	<b>Argentina</b>
10. Bodega Garzón	Uruguay
11. Ferrari Trento	Italy
12. Champagne Billecart-Salmon	France
13. Château Smith Haut Lafitte	France
14. Weingut Dr. Loosen	Germany
15. Champagne Taittinger	France
16. Soalheiro	Portugal
17. Trapiche	Argentina
18. Clos Apalta	Chile
19. Quinta da Aveleda	Portugal
20. Domäne Wachau	Austria
21. El Enemigo Wines	Argentina
22. Château Mouton Rothschild	France
23. Château d'Yquem	France
24. Opus One Winery	US
25. Bodegas Salentein	Argentina

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26. Château Pape Clément	Italy
27. Château Pichon Baron	Spain
28. Quinta do Infantado	Chile
29. Abadía Retuerta	Chile
30. Viña Casas del Bosque	Germany
31. Quinta da Pacheca	Spain
32. Viu Manent	US
33. Maison Ruinart	Portugal
34. Familia Torres – Pacs del Penedès	Argentina
35. Château Haut-Brion	Uruguay
36. Henschke	Italy
37. Quinta do Bomfim	France
38. Creation	France
39. Klein Constantia Winery	Germany
40. Estate Argyros	France
41. Craggy Range Winery	Portugal
42. Quinta Nova de Nossa Senhora do Carmo	Argentina
43. Chateau de Berne	Chile
44. Bodegas Vivanco	Portugal
45. Donnafugata - Marsala	Austria
46. Jordan Vineyard & Winery	Argentina
47. Tokara Winery	France
48. Quinta do Noval	France
49. Penfolds Magill Estate	US
50. Schloss Gobelsburg	Argentina

