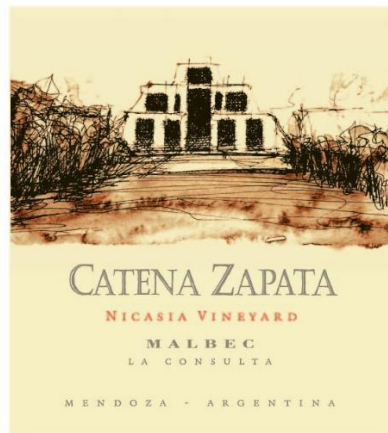


CATENA ZAPATA

NICASIA VINEYARD MALBEC 2014



THE ZAPATA VINES

The Catena Zapata family's mission is to make profound and unforgettable wines; wines that reflect the special character of each vine within the family's historic vineyards. Constantly pushing the viticultural envelope, Nicolás and Laura Catena have identified Mendoza's best microclimates, selected the highest quality Malbec vines and pioneered viticulture in undiscovered regions - the Adrianna Vineyard at almost 5,000 feet elevation in the Andean foothills. Their vision has been to uncover those magical places in each of the family's vineyards which offer the purest expression of the land. Farming these special lots manually, hand-tending each of the vines, has led to the identification of individual plants which consistently produce the most exceptional fruit. These Zapata Vines have been physically marked with a red sash, ensuring the most demanding attention to detail in their care. Harvested separately in multiple passes through the vineyard, the Zapata Vines form the foundation of the Catena Zapata wines.

WINE DESCRIPTION

Located in the far southerly growing region of Altamira en La Consulta, the Nicasia vineyard is the only planting of the special Catena Selection of Malbec cuttings in this traditional area for Malbec. La Consulta was Nicolás Catena's father Domingo's preferred Malbec location.

VINIFICATION

100% whole cluster and 90% whole berry fruit is hand-loaded into 2000-5000 liter new French oak foudres for a 100% barrel fermentation for a period of 17 days, allowing seamless oak integration. The fermentation temperature is kept low, extracting intense aromas, and the cap management is done by hand to ensure soft, gentle flavors and tannin extraction. Wild yeasts. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in barrel leaves considerable lees and sediment. The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 24 months, followed by 24 months of aging in bottle before release.

VINEYARDS

Harvest time varies depending on each lot's soil composition. Harvest time can vary by several weeks between one lot and another within the same vineyard. Nicasia Vineyard Named after Nicolás Catena's grandmother. Location: Altamira en La Consulta District, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina. Altitude: 3,593 ft (1,095 m) elevation. Soil: Very shallow loamy topsoil with surface gravel and gravelly (large stones) dry river bed subsoil - optimal drainage. Plant selection: Catena Cuttings malbec selection.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Winemaker: Alejandro Vigil
Varietal: 100% Malbec
Alcohol: 13.6 %
Total Acidity: 6.5 grams/liter in tartaric
pH: 3.5