



Catena Zapata

Catena Zapata Catena Malbec is a distinguished Argentine Malbec, crafted from high-altitude vineyards in Mendoza. Known for its depth and complexity, this wine exemplifies the best characteristics of Malbec from this renowned producer.



Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Malbec

Catena Malbec 2021

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

This wine is sourced from several high-altitude vineyards located in Mendoza, Argentina, including Lunlunta, Agrelo, Altamira, and Gualtallary. These vineyards, situated at elevations ranging from 2,822 to 4,921 feet, benefit from the significant diurnal temperature variations that enhance the wine's complexity and structure.

The soil composition varies across the sites, including clay, sand, limestone, calcareous deposits, and surface stones. The unique microclimates of these vineyards contribute to the wine's natural balance, concentration, and distinct varietal identity .

Winemaking

The Catena Malbec is made from **100% Malbec grapes**. The winemaking process includes:

- **Fermentation:** The grapes undergo cold maceration for five days at 48°F to extract aromas, followed by fermentation for 10-16 days and post-fermentation maceration for 19-22 days. Fermentation occurs in barriques at temperatures between 75-80°F.
- **Aging:** The wine is aged for **14 months** in 225-liter French oak barriques, with 35% new oak. This aging process helps to integrate the flavors and add complexity to the wine .

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep violet with purple reflections.
- **Aroma:** Intense aromas of ripe red and dark fruits, accompanied by delicate notes of violet, lavender, vanilla, and mocha.
- **Palate:** Rich and concentrated with flavors of blueberries, blackberries, leather, and cinnamon. The wine has well-integrated tannins, bright acidity, and a flinty minerality that provides exceptional length to the finish



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Did you know?

Catena Zapata is a pioneering winery in Argentina, led by Nicolás Catena Zapata. The winery is famous for its innovative high-altitude viticulture, which has significantly contributed to the international recognition of Argentine wines .

Wine Pairing Ideas

This Malbec pairs excellently with roast turkey, grilled steak, salmon, and pasta with red sauce. It also complements dishes with rich, hearty sauces and can be enjoyed with aged cheeses like Manchego or Gouda .



Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2021)

The juicy and young 2021 Catena Malbec has a nice combination of spice, berry and herbs to make it balanced, expressive and attractive. It's round, velvety and nicely crafted in an easy to understand and highly drinkable style and a commercial profile. A champion in drinkability.



James Suckling (JS) : 91 Points (2021)

Aromas of plums, dark cherries, blueberries, tar and crushed stones. It's medium-bodied with round, velvety tannins. Dark-fruited and smooth.



Wines & Spirits (W&S) : 90 Points (2020)

This wine unleashes a barrage of flavors—huckleberry, wild herbs and currants—that lose steam as the tannins take over, lasting on those sticky malbec tannins. It'd be fun to play with pairing ideas, so open it at the beginning of a dinner party and try it alongside everything from cheeses and olives to the main roast.



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