



Catena Zapata

Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon is a distinguished wine from Bodega Catena Zapata, exemplifying the richness and structure characteristic of high-altitude Argentine Cabernet Sauvignon.



Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon 2019

Mendoza, Argentina

Region and Vineyards

This wine hails from Mendoza, Argentina, and is crafted from grapes grown in three high-altitude vineyards in the Uco Valley. Specifically, the grapes come from Block 3 of La Pirámide Vineyard in Agrelo (3,117 feet), Block 2 of Domingo Vineyard in Villa Bastías, Tupungato (3,675 feet), and Block 2 of Nicasia Vineyard in Altamira, San Carlos. These vineyards benefit from the **unique microclimates and altitudes**, which contribute to the complexity and depth of the wine.

Winemaking

The 2019 vintage blends 90% Cabernet Sauvignon with 10% Cabernet Franc. The fermentation process takes place in barriques and barrels, lasting between 16 to 35 days, with punchdown maceration for 30 days. The wine is then **aged for 18 months in French oak barrels**, 50% of which are new. This ageing process enhances the wine's structure and integrates the tannins beautifully.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, vibrant ruby.
- **Aroma:** The nose offers a complex bouquet of ripe blackcurrant, blackberry, and cassis, intertwined with notes of tobacco, cedar, and a hint of graphite.
- **Palate:** On the palate, it is full-bodied and well-structured, with rich flavors of dark fruits complemented by layers of spices and well-integrated oak. The tannins are firm yet silky, leading to a long and elegant finish.

Did you know ?

The Catena family, pioneers of high-altitude viticulture in Mendoza, has been producing wine for over a century. Their innovative practices have significantly elevated the region's winemaking standards.

Alcohol :13,50 %

Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon



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Wine Pairing Ideas

This wine pairs exceptionally well with grilled ribeye steak, lamb chops, or roast beef. It also complements aged cheeses like cheddar or gouda and rich pasta dishes with meat sauce or hearty stews.



James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2019)

Blackberries, wild raspberries, currants, lemon leaves, licorice and dried spices on the nose. It's medium-bodied with firm, silky tannins. Very fine and precise. Fantastic freshness.



Robert Parker (RP) : 93 Points (2019)

As with most Cabernet Sauvignon from Catena, the 2019 Catena Alta Cabernet Sauvignon is not a 100% varietal wine but a blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon and 4% Cabernet Franc, as Cabernet Sauvignon on its own is often not complete enough. The Cabernet Franc must have given it an extra kick of freshness, increasing the already fresh character of the year. The palate is medium-bodied with plenty of herbal and fresh flavors and very fine, varietal tannins. 30,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in October 2019.



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