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Catena Zapata Argentino Vineyard Malbec 2015

Malbec from Mendoza, Argentina

JD 96 **RP** 95 **WS** 94



14.1% ABV

Other Vintages

2013	RP 95	JS 93			
2012	JS 98	RP 94	WS 92		
2011	RP 95	W&S 93	JS 92	WS 91	WE 91
2010	D 96	RP 94	WS 93	WE 93	W&S 92
2009	RP 95				
2008	RP 97	WS 93	W&S 91		
2007	RP 97	WS 94	W&S 92		
2006	RP 96	WS 93			
2005	RP 97	WE 96	WS 95	W&S 90	
2004	RP 98				

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Winemaker Notes

The Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino shows a saturated dark violet color with ruby reflections; the nose offers cassis, blueberries and violets, along with a strong suggestion of soil tones. It combines density and sweetness on the one hand, with gripping, lightly saline flavors of mocha, dark berries, spice, and minerals; a palate-staining finish dominated by sweet black and blue fruits.

Pairs well with lamb chops, beef tenderloin, and goat cheese.

Critical Acclaim

JD 96 **Jeb Dunnuck**

A vineyard selection from old vines, the 2015 Malbec Argentino is all Malbec sourced from the Angelica Vineyard (Lunlunta District) and Nicasia Vineyard (Altamira District) and aged two years in new French oak barrels. This uber-sexy, opulent 2015 offers a rock star bouquet of blueberries, blackcurrants, smoked earth,

chocolate, and tobacco leaf, with an almost Graves-like minerality and earthiness that develops with time in the glass. Ripe, full-bodied, and plush on the palate, it nevertheless has density and depth, with notable tannins, moderate acidity, and a great finish. It's a brilliant wine from this beautiful estate to drink over the coming 10-15 years.

RP

95

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

The 2015 Catena Zapata Malbec Argentino blends grapes from Angélica Vineyard in Lunlunta and Nicasia Vineyard in Altamira. It's a classical Malbec that fermented in 225- and 500-liter rolling oak fermentors and matured in French barrique for 18 months. They have changed the image and also the blend for this wine, which is now all from old vines. The label shows the history of Malbec with four relevant women (including Madam Phylloxera!) from the 12th century to the rebirth in the 20th century. This is ripe and heady, very open and expressive, with violets and juicy fruit. This is a new blend to break the tendency of so many single-vineyard bottlings and goes back to the blending traditions of the past. It shows really well—expressive, open and ready. It kept growing and growing in the glass, becoming more focused and even more fresh, at one point getting very close to the freshness of the 2016!

WS

94

Wine Spectator

This is an old-vine wine from malbec, showing blackberries and black olives. Very dense and rich. Yet there is a velvety texture and brightness to the whole thing. Stone undertones, too. A big, energetic and classical malbec.

Catena



Bodega Catena Zapata is one of Argentina's high altitude Malbec pioneers. The Catena family began making wine in Mendoza in 1902. Nicolas Catena, third generation family vintner, was one of the first to see the

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