



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Nicolás Catena  
Winemaker: Alejandro Vigil  
Total acreage under vine: 900  
Estate founded: 1902  
Region: Mendoza  
Country: Argentina

## Catena Zapata Nicasia Vineyard 2012

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Catena Zapata Nicasia Malbec is made from a meticulous vine selection in the best, historic rows of the Catena family's estate vineyards. These Zapata vines are carefully hand tended and produce extremely low yields. The grapes are micro-fermented in new French oak barriques and the wine is then aged for 18 months in new French oak. This wine is made in very limited quantities.

### TASTING NOTES

Catena Zapata Nicasia Vineyard Malbec is a dark violet Malbec. Ripe black-and-red currant, raspberries and an elegant touch of french oak are some of the aromas that we can appreciate from this special malbec from one of the Catena's highest family vineyards. Very complex and expressive palate, with a creamy violet flavor with ripe blueberries, cassis, vanilla and spicecake.

### FOOD PAIRING

Pairs well with roasted veal, shiitake mushrooms, and beef tenderloin.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	Nicasia Vineyard, Altamira en La Consulta, Lot 1
Vineyard size:	100
Soil composition:	Sand
Training method:	VSP
Elevation:	3,593 feet
Vines/acre:	2200
Yield/acre:	1.2 tons
Exposure:	Northwestern
Year vineyard planted:	1996
Harvest time:	April
First vintage of this wine:	2004

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	100% Malbec
Fermentation container:	Vertical open Barriques & small stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	17 days
Fermentation temperature:	77 - 86 °F
Maceration technique:	Manual punch down
Length of maceration:	26 days
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Type of aging container:	Barriques
Size of aging container:	225 L
Age of aging container:	100% New
Type of oak:	French oak
Length of aging before bottling:	18 months
Length of bottle aging:	24 months