



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 2009

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 red violet Malbec. Ripe black fruits, sweet spices and thyme 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 lovely violet flavors, dark berries, licorice, bitter chocolate 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:	15 days
Fermentation temperature:	77 - 86 °F
Maceration technique:	Manual punch down
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

ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	14%
pH level:	3.6
Acidity:	6 g/L