



## PRODUCER PROFILE

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

## D.V. Catena Tinto Historico Red Blend 2015

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Don Domingo Vicente Catena, Nicolas Catena Zapata's father, was famous in the 1930's for his deep dark red wine blend. This blend was sold in the French-styled bistros of Buenos Aires - the Paris of South America - as the finest wine from the Mendoza region. This wine, DV Catena Tinto Historico Red Blend, is made in honor of Don Domingo Catena and his legendary abilities as a Master of the Assemblage. The Catena wines are a special assemblage of High Mountain Estate Vineyards made by fourth generation vintner, Laura Catena and chief winemaker, Alejandro Vigil. Although we have found that most of the Catena wines are consumed shortly after release, we are pleased to see that they age beautifully for ten to twenty years.

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### TASTING NOTES

Black fruit and flowers from Uco Valley Malbec laced with spicy Petit Verdot. Malbec lends freshness and smoothness, while Petit Verdot grants volume and persistence, conferring a lush, rich attack and wonderful length to the blend.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Vineyard name:	Angelica Vineyard, Adrianna Vineyard 1992, El Cepillo Vineyard, La Pirámide Vineyard: 1983
Soil composition:	Calcareous and Clay and alluvial
Training method:	VSP
Vines/acre:	1800
Exposure:	Northern
Year vineyard planted:	1902

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	72% Malbec, 21% Bonarda, 7% Petit Verdot
Fermentation container:	Stainless steel tanks
Length of alcoholic fermentation:	16 days
Maceration technique:	Punchdown and Pumpovers
Length of maceration:	22 days
Malolactic fermentation:	Yes
Type of aging container:	Barrels
Size of aging container:	225
Age of aging container:	1s, 2nd, 3rd
Type of oak:	French
Length of aging before bottling:	12-14
Length of bottle aging:	10
Prefermentation technique:	Cold maceration