



CATENA ZAPATA

SINCE 1902

2019 Catena Zapata Nicasia Vineyard

Alcohol label %: 13.7 | pH: 3.6 | Acidity (TA): 6.7

Growing Conditions

Located in the far southerly growing region of Altamira en La Consulta, the Nicasia vineyard is the only planting of the special Catena Selection of Malbec cuttings in this traditional area for Malbec. La Consulta was Nicolás Catena's father Domingo's preferred Malbec location.

Nicasia Vineyard: 3,593 ft (1,095 m). Altamira in La Consulta District, Uco Valley, Mendoza, Argentina. Very shallow loamy topsoil with surface gravel and gravelly (large stones) dry river bed subsoil – optimal drainage. Malbec. Plant selection: Catena Cuttings malbec selection.

Winemaking

10% whole cluster and 90% whole berry fruit is hand-loaded into 225-500 liter new French oak barrels for a 100% barrel fermentation for a period of 18 days, allowing seamless oak integration. The fermentation temperature is kept low, extracting intense aromas, and the cap management is done by hand to ensure soft, gentle flavors and tannin extraction. Wild yeasts. Alcoholic and malolactic fermentation in barrel leaves considerable lees and sediment.

Aging

The wine is aged in French oak barrels for 20 months, followed by 24 months of aging in bottle before release.

