



## PRODUCER PROFILE

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

## Catena Chardonnay 2020

### WINE DESCRIPTION

For over four generations, the Catena family has grown vines in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Mendoza, Argentina. Laura Catena, great-granddaughter of winery founder Nicola Catena, has created a richly textured Chardonnay blend with floral notes, ripe tropical-fruit flavors, a strong mineral character and excellent acidity. Catena Chardonnay is sourced from three of the family's vineyards in Luján de Cuyo and Tupungato. In Agrelo, in Luján de Cuyo, the La Pirámide Vineyard grapes lend the wine ripe citrus and stone fruit aromas and flavors. Fruit from the Domingo Vineyard in the Villa Bastias district of Tupungato emphasizes those stone fruit flavors and gives the wine its rich texture and mouthfeel. The high-altitude Adrianna Vineyard in the Gualtallary district of Tupungato produces grapes with lively floral notes, a pronounced minerality, and a crisp, cool-climate acidity. From the marriage of these historic parcels emerges a wine of a unique character that has natural balance, concentration, and a distinct varietal identity.

### TASTING NOTES

The Catena Chardonnay combines the unique expressions of three high altitude vineyard sites. The wine shows an intense greenish color with yellow notes. The extraordinary combination of these vineyards offer honey and tropical fruit flavors while lending notes of citrus, pears, peaches, and white flowers with a strong minerality and a delicatened note of vanilla. The mouthfeel is clean, with a fresh, clean acidity.

### FOOD PAIRING

This wine would be a fantastic companion a variety of poultry dishes, dishes finished with a Nantua sauce, or to a rich seafood dish like Shrimp and Herb Risotto.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

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| Vineyard name:              | The Domingo, La Pirámide, and Adrianna vineyards |
| Soil composition:           | Gravel and Stony                                 |
| Training method:            | VSP  |
| Elevation:                  | 3,117-4,757 feet                                 |
| Vines/acre:                 | 2,200  |
| Yield/acre:                 | 2.5-3 tons                                       |
| Exposure:                   | Northwestern                                     |
| Harvest time:               | March-April                                      |
| First vintage of this wine: | 1991   |

### WINEMAKING & AGING

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| Varietal composition:            | 100% Chardonnay                   |
| Fermentation container:          | Barrels and Stainless steel tanks |
| Maceration technique:            | Battonage                         |
| Malolactic fermentation:         | Partial                           |
| Type of aging container:         | Barriques                         |
| Size of aging container:         | 225 L                             |
| Age of aging container:          | New-Two years                     |
| Type of oak:                     | French                            |
| Length of aging before bottling: | 10 months                         |
| Length of bottle aging:          | 12 months                         |

### ANALYTICAL DATA

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| Alcohol:  | 13.6%    |
| pH level: | 3.3      |
| Acidity:  | 5.65 g/L |