

# ARGENTINA UNCOVERED

# LUCA

## EXCEPTIONAL VARIETAL EXPRESSION IN MENDOZA

### CHARDONNAY + PINOT NOIR



- “G-Lot” Gualtallary vineyard mimics Burgundy.
- First planting of the historic Dijon Selection Chardonnay at extreme high altitude in Mendoza.



- Rocky soil with pockets of limestone produce wines with delicate minerality and elegance.

### High Elevation (5,000 ft)

High UV = High Photosynthesis



*tannin structure and color concentration*

Low Temperatures = Slow Ripening



*floral flavors and balanced acid*



### CABERNET SAUVIGNON



- Used in Luca Beso de Dante, the first classic Bordeaux blend of Cab and Malbec made in Mendoza.
- The Catena family pioneered grape growing in Argentina with this powerful varietal.

### SYRAH



- World’s only vineyard created by double massal selection across two continents.
- Viticulturist Laborde brought original selection Rhone Syrah cuttings to Mendoza, then did a second selection of the best vines to plant in 1955.
- Vine selection, as opposed to clones, add diversity and complex flavors to wine.

### MALBEC



Luca Malbec vines are 48 years old on average

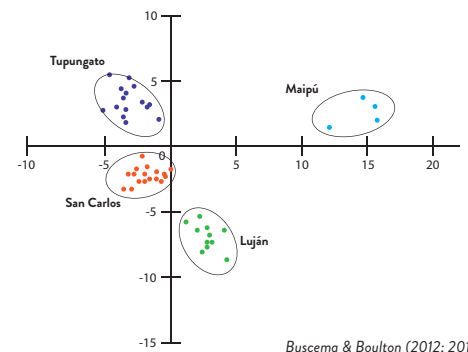


Creates a smooth mouthfeel and structured body

Polyphenol analysis shows a diversity in chemical makeup of Malbec from different terroirs in Mendoza.



### PHENOLIC COMPOUNDS IN MENDOZA TERROIR



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## Laura Catena | Owner



Born in Mendoza, Argentina, Laura spent her youth studying languages and the arts in Buenos Aires, Paris and California, where the family moved in 1982. As she entered Harvard for her undergraduate studies, her family moved back to Mendoza and founded Catena Zapata winery.

While pursuing her medical degree at Stanford, she sought out notable French and California wines that she and her father would taste to help shape their world-class palates and winemaking style.

Her vision of creating a new breed of Argentine wines has been wildly successful with small quantities, artisan quality, that are true to their individual terroirs. A true pioneer of small-grower relations in Mendoza, Laura's incredible limited production wines come from some of Argentina's best fruit from low-yield, high elevation vineyards. Luca is named after Laura's first son.

## Estela Perinetti | Winemaker

Estela, winemaker for Luca and La Posta wines, hails from a prestigious background in Argentine winemaking. Her family emigrated from Piedmont, Italy and began making wine in Argentina in the late 1800s where they founded one of the oldest wineries in Mendoza which still exists today.

She received her degree in Agronomic Engineering from the National University of Cuyo in Mendoza with an emphasis in Oenology, and she was named #1 in her graduating class. She began her career as a viticulturist and vineyard manager in 1992. She began working with Nicolas Catena as the winemaker for Gascón Wines then for Bodegas CARO (the joint venture between Catena and Domaines Barons de Rothschild - Lafite). Now teaming up with Laura Catena, Estela continues to produce high quality wines that Luca and La Posta are known for.

Estela's diverse background brings great insights to her winemaking. She believes it is key to form a strong bond between both the winemaker and vineyard manager. This allows good winemaking from the very beginning in the vineyard –with care, precision, and attention to details.

### LUCA WINE

2012 BESO DE DANTE  
91 PTS, *Vinous*



2013 CHARDONNAY  
93 PTS, *The Wine Advocate*



2012 PINOT NOIR  
92 PTS, *The Wine Advocate*



2012 LABORDE SYRAH  
93 PTS, *James Suckling*



2013 MALBEC  
93 PTS, *James Suckling*



2010 NICO MALBEC  
93 PTS, *The Wine Advocate*

