

LUIS REGINATO

WINEMAKER

The Reginato family has been growing grapes in the Uco Valley of Argentina for over 60 years. Luis Reginato possesses unique qualities as a highly regarded viticulturist and passionate winemaker. He has made wine for some of Argentina's top wineries as well as his family's winery, Reginato, which has been widely recognized for producing the finest boutique sparkling wines in Argentina.

In 2013, a new family brand was born - Chaman. After seeing and tasting from vineyards across Mendoza, Luis had a vision for creating three new wines – a unique blend, a Cabernet Franc, and a Petit Verdot. He saw potential in the Cabernet Franc and the Petit Verdot grapes in his family's vineyard, and the quality was so high when the vines matured that he decided to focus on these varietals.

Luis has recently handed over longtime winemaking responsibilities for Luca and La Posta to the esteemed Estela Perinetti. He now focuses on winemaking for his family's brands as well as being tapped as Catena Zapata's director of viticulture, where his job is to oversee all the estate vineyards and their grower relations. Luis has close relationships with local small growers, and his intimate understanding of the region's vineyards helps to bring a direct expression of the grapes.

Luis' wines garner high praise from U.S. wine critics, consistently scoring 90 points or higher from The Wine Advocate, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, and beyond.

He credits his father, Jose, as both his inspiration and his source of knowledge. Since he was a child, Luis walked the vineyards with his father and his brother Pepe, listening and learning how to treat the people of his country and how to get the vineyards to deliver the highest quality possible.

