



# LUCA

## OLD VINE MALBEC 2021

**Luca is the first Argentine winery to bottle all of its Malbec exclusively from old vines. According to Laura Catena and Luis Reginato, old vines have great genetic diversity and make some of the most graceful, unforgettable wines.**

**WINERY BACKGROUND:** Luca is Laura Catena's passion project to rescue old vines and produce wines that express the history and soul of Mendoza's century-old vineyards. She believes that "old vines are family" and strives to highlight the vigneron behind the wines and preserve the genetic diversity of Mendoza's historic vines. Luca purchases fruit from small growers, allowing these families to continue farming for another generation. She replants her vineyards using massale selections from Mendoza's 100-year-old vineyards. The historic G-Lot parcels of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay in Gualtallary were planted over 30 years ago and are at the edge of where grapes can ripen in Mendoza, at nearly 5,000 feet elevation. Laura Catena is a 4th generation vintner, mother of three, author, ER doctor, and one of the wine industry's most prominent voices. In 2023, she was given the first "Old Vine Hero" award by The Old Vine Conference. Luis Reginato works beside Laura as Luca's winemaker and the Vineyard Director for Catena Zapata Family Vineyards. Luca has had 10 wines recognized as Top 100 Wine of the Year.

Luca is named after Laura's first son, who was born the same year the brand was founded.

**VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS:** The Vineyards are located in La Consulta and Gualtallary (Uco Valley). The grapes are hand-harvested and aged 14 months in 35% new French barrels and 65% 2nd use French barrels. All Luca wines are certified sustainable through Bodegas de Argentina

**TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Spice and black cherry cola aromas with notes of cocoa. The berry flavors pop on the palate from its depth and lively acidity, finishing with hints of espresso. Pairs well with foods such as venison or wild game, steak, pork, quail, all types of lamb, and medium-strong cheeses.



**94 POINTS**

*James Suckling, April 2023*

**93 POINTS**

*Tim Atkin,*

**93 POINTS**

*Vinous,*

**93 POINTS**

*Wine Spectator,*

**92 POINTS**

*Wine Advocate, November 2022*

**91 POINTS**

*Wine Enthusiast,*

**VINTAGE** 2021

**VARIETAL COMPOSITION**

100% Malbec

**AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION**

3,500 feet

**AVG. AGE OF VINES** 55 years

**ALCOHOL** 14%

**CASES IMPORTED** 7,000

**UPC** 835603001082

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