

94 POINTS

James Suckling, April 2018

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VINTAGE 2016

VARIETAL COMPOSITION 100% Malbec

AVG. VINEYARD ELEVATION 3,600 feet

ALCOHOL 14.2%

CASES IMPORTED 100

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE \$75

UPC 835603003260

LUCA

HISTORIA DE FAMILIA 2016

Historia de Familia is a new wine from 4th generation vintner Laura Catena and is available only in magnums. This special wine represents the history of Laura and her husband's ancestors.

WINERY BACKGROUND: Luca was born out of Laura Catena's vision of creating a new breed of Argentine wines: small quantities, artisan quality, and true to their individual terroirs. She is a pioneer in Mendoza for working closely with small growers to grow very high-quality grapes from some of Argentina's best old-vine, low-yield, high elevation vineyards. Each varietal delivers power along with complexity and finesse. They are the ultimate expression of rigorous vineyard management, viticultural experimentation, strict irrigation controls, skilled winemaking, and a quest for quality at any cost.

Luca is named after Laura Catena's first son and it symbolizes her love for her family. The family crest that appears on the label belongs to her husband Dan McDermott's family.

VINEYARD & WINEMAKING DETAILS: Harvested from vineyards in Gualtallary and Paraje Altamira in the Uco Valley. 80% of the blend is aged in oak barrels (40% new oak and 60% second use oak barrels) for 12 months and 20% in stainless steel tanks.

TASTING NOTES & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Dark licorice, violet and blueberry essence on the nose. Full-bodied and excellent tannins & texture. Well-defined with driven acidity, which is well-complimented with vivid blue fruit. Pairs well with hearty entrees and grilled meats. Try with grilled flank steak, roasted venison or oven roasted aubergines.

