

## 50 BEST VINEYARDS NAMES CATENA ZAPATA NUMBER 1 VINEYARD IN THE WORLD

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**Argentina tops the list as Catena Zapata in Mendoza is voted number one in the World's Best Vineyards [to visit] 2023**

On July 12th, Catena Zapata was voted **number one in the world** at the World's Best Vineyards 2023 award ceremony for over 125 VIPs held in La Rioja, Spain. The extensive list highlights a diverse selection of the world's finest vineyards to visit across the globe.

Founded in 1902, Catena Zapata is the oldest Argentine family winery still in family hands and is known for its pioneering role in reinventing Malbec. The Catena Zapata family holds more 100-point wine ratings than any other winery in South America, and its Adrianna Vineyard, at 5,000 feet elevation, is recognized as South America's 'Grand Cru' Vineyard. This year, Catena Zapata opened its first restaurant, Angélica - Cocina Maestra, located right in La Pirámide vineyard, in the Agrelo district. The 'wine-first' restaurant starts at a gallery leading into the underground distillery and continues with a visit to the tower, with views of the vineyards and Mayan-inspired pyramid-shaped winery. The design recreates a traditional Italian borgo village and pays homage to the Catena family's Italian roots. Rather than focusing on food, diners choose from one of five wine flights encompassing Catena Zapata's portfolio of exquisite wines and receive local and seasonal food that pairs best with those wines, most sourced from the organic vegetable garden next to the restaurant.

**Dr. Laura Catena**, fourth generation vintner and managing director of Catena Zapata, received the award. Tim Atkin MW was the host of the ceremony and said about the family winery: *"Bodega Catena Zapata is a driving force in Argentine winemaking. A winery that played a pivotal role in resurrecting Malbec's fortunes, pushing Mendoza's vineyards higher into the Andean foothills, and delving deeply into the country's many terroirs. The family even founded the Catena Institute of Wine to scientifically examine every aspect of the local soils, rocks and microorganisms and their effect on the vines."*



Laura accepting Catena Zapata's N°1 World's Best Vineyard award:  
*"Through elevating Argentine wine, I can actually help hundreds of thousands of millions of people in my region."*

The **Top 50 list** is compiled from all the nominations by a global academy of wine experts. The world is split into geographical regions, each headed up by an acknowledged expert as the Academy Chair. Each Academy Chair is responsible for recruiting 36 wine and travel experts. Each member of the Voting Academy must vote for seven vineyards. There is no pre-determined checklist of criteria or predefined list to choose from – each vote is a nomination for a vineyard experience open to the public that the judges deem to truly be the best in the world.

For more information on the selection criteria, go to:

<https://www.worldsbestvineyards.com/voting/the-voting-system>

Moved by this recognition, **Dr. Laura Catena** said, *"I am speechless. What a tremendous honor and acknowledgement for my father's vision of thirty years, to make Argentine wines that can stand with the best of the world. A recognition for our family and for all the super hard-working people at Catena - past, present, and future. Great to see so many Argentine wineries in the Top 50. Congrats to ALL THE WINNERS!"*

This year, Antinori nel Chianti Classico (Marchesi Antinori), World's Best Vineyard 2022, has entered the Hall of Fame, which is reserved for vineyards that have topped the winning list. Catena Zapata will join the Hall of Fame next year.

<b>WORLD'S BEST VINEYARDS 2023</b>		<b>1</b> CATENA ZAPATA Argentina <i>Best in South America</i>	<b>26</b> HENSCHKE Australia
		<b>2</b> MARQUÉS DE RISCAL Spain <i>Best in Europe</i>	<b>27</b> ABADÍA RETuerta Spain
		<b>3</b> VIK WINERY Chile	<b>28</b> BROOKS WINE USA
		<b>4</b> CREATION South Africa <i>Best in Africa</i>	<b>29</b> CERETTO Italy
		<b>5</b> CHATEAU SMITH HAUT LAFITTE France	<b>30</b> BODEGA BOUZA Uruguay
		<b>6</b> BODEGA GARZÓN Uruguay	<b>31</b> CHAMPAGNE BILLECART-SALMON France
		<b>7</b> MONTES Chile	<b>32</b> KLEIN CONSTANTIA WINERY South Africa
		<b>8</b> SCHLOSS JOHANNISBERG Germany	<b>33</b> CHATEAU PICHON BARON France
		<b>9</b> BODEGAS SALENTEIN Argentina	<b>34</b> CHATEAU DE BEAUCASTEL France
		<b>10</b> EL ENEMIGO Argentina	<b>35</b> SZEPSY WINERY Hungary
		<b>11</b> RIPON New Zealand <i>Best in Australasia</i>	<b>36</b> DELAIRE GRAFF ESTATE South Africa
		<b>12</b> WEINGUT DR. LOOSEN Germany	<b>37</b> VIÑA CASAS DEL BOSQUE Chile
		<b>13</b> PINCA VICTORIA DURIGUTTI FAMILY WINEMAKERS Argentina <i>Highest New Entry</i>	<b>38</b> CHATEAU MERCIAN MARIKO WINERY Japan <i>Best in Asia</i>
		<b>14</b> DOMAINE WACHAU Austria	<b>39</b> CLOS APALTA Chile
		<b>15</b> QUINTA DO CRASTO Portugal	<b>40</b> GRAHAM'S PORT LODGE Portugal
		<b>16</b> QUINTA DO NOVAL Portugal	<b>41</b> CHATEAU KEFRAYA Lebanon
		<b>17</b> D'ARENBERG Australia	<b>42</b> QUINTA DO SEIXO (SANDEMAN) Portugal
		<b>18</b> CHATEAU D'YQUEM France	<b>43</b> VIU MANENT Chile
		<b>19</b> CHATEAU PAPE CLÉMENT France	<b>44</b> PENFOLDS MAGILL ESTATE Australia
		<b>20</b> JORDAN VINEYARD & WINERY USA <i>Best in North America</i>	<b>45</b> DISZNÓKÓ Hungary
		<b>21</b> GONZÁLEZ BYASS BODEGAS TIO PEPE Spain	<b>46</b> VEUVE CLICQUOT France
		<b>22</b> MAISON RUINART France	<b>47</b> CHATEAU MUKHRANI Georgia
		<b>23</b> CHAMPAGNE BOLLINGER France	<b>48</b> BODEGA DIAMANTES Argentina
		<b>24</b> BODEGA COLOMÉ Argentina	<b>49</b> BODEGAS MUGA Spain
		<b>25</b> VIÑEDOS DE ALCOHUAZ Chile	<b>50</b> VIÑA ERRÁZURIZ Chile

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