



# HISTORIC VINEYARDS

## LUCA

### MALBEC

Laura Catena is a 4th generation Malbec grower. With Luca, Laura pioneered grower relations in Mendoza and discovered many small old vine Malbec vineyards that were previously going into bulk wine. The Luca team works with some of the best family vineyards in the Uco Valley to make this rich and dense example of Malbec.



**Vintage:** 2009

**Varietal Composition:** 100% Malbec

**Vineyard Locations:** Uco Valley, Altamira, La Consulta, Gualtallary

**Avg. Vineyard Elevation:** 3,150 feet

**Avg. Age of Vines:** 45 years

**Oak Regimen:** 16 months in 60% new French & 40% second use French barriques.

**Alcohol:** 14%

**pH:** 3.72

**T.A.:** 5.80

**Total Case production:** 6000 cases

#### Tasting Notes & Food Pairing Suggestions

This is a great example of Mendoza Malbec. Incredible color — you could use it in an inkwell! Loads of spice and black cherry cola aromas with notes of cocoa. The berry flavors really pop on the palate as the wine has both good depth and very lively acidity that leads to an incredibly long finish. A bottom note of freshly brewed espresso keeps the mouth watering too. This one is a teenager at the moment, and should age very well (and not talk back when you don't give it the car keys!). Pairs well with foods such as venison or wild game, steak, pork, quail, all types of lamb, and medium-strong cheeses. A very flexible wine due to its concentration and balance.

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