



#### WINEMAKER

Andres Blanchard & Javier Catena

#### VARIETALS

Malbec

#### FEATURES

Bottle, Cork

#### ABV

13.5%

#### AVAILABLE SIZES (L)

0.750



# Cuarto Dominio Malbec 'Blancat Estate Parcel Selection'

ARGENTINA, MENDOZA, UCO VALLEY



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#### WINERY OVERVIEW

Cuarto Dominio is a small family winery created by two 4th generation families in the art of viticulture and winemaking. Winemakers Andrés Blanchard, Andrés's sister Constanza Blanchard, and Javier Catena have deep family roots in Argentina's winemaking history.

The family of Javier Catena has grown vines in the foothills of the Andes Mountains in Mendoza for over four generations. The great grandfather of Javier Catena, President of Bodega Cuarto Dominio, was born in the little town of Tolentino in Italy at the end of the 1800s. He was a vineyard worker there until he sailed from Italy to Argentina in 1898. When he arrived in Mendoza, he was taken aback by the splendor of the Andes, by its landscapes and by the people that received him so warmly. He was convinced he wanted to follow his dream here and planted his first Malbec vineyard in 1902. Up until that point, Malbec was a blending grape in Bordeaux, but Nicola supposed it would find its perfect place in Mendoza.

Domingo, Javier's grandfather, decided to continue fulfilling his father's dream and took the family winery to the next level, becoming one of the largest vineyard owners and building one of the biggest wineries in Argentina. During this time, Javier's father, Jorge Catena, studied enology in Mendoza and started working in the family winery in the mid-1960s. Jorge specialized in winemaking and oenology.

At the end of the 1970s, Jorge believed that in order to produce the best wines of Argentina and to be able to compete against the greatest wines in the world, he must learn the latest technologies and winemaking techniques, so he decided to travel to California to study at the University of California at Davis. He also travelled several times to Europe and to Australia and focused the majority of his studies on French winemaking techniques.

Today, Bodega Cuarto Dominio offers a range of Malbec from different parcels of land with varying lengths of aging in French oak. Extreme temperature variation between seasons at the foothills of the Andes pushes the limit of grape growing ability but provides structure and finesse to finished wines. The winery has been recognized for their wines by top publications and has received 90+ points on at least one wine for the last eleven consecutive vintages (Wine Enthusiast, James Suckling, Tim Atkin).

#### VINEYARD

La Consulta Vineyard, Chento Vineyard

#### TERROIR

Vineyards are planted into rocky soils at high elevation.

#### VINIFICATION

The wines go through a cold pre fermentary maceration to preserve primary aromas. Fermentation begins with indigenous yeast from the vineyard. A series of delestages and pumpovers during fermentation offer a more balance extraction. The juice is fermented in 5000L concrete tanks for about 14 days at low temperatures, and finishes with a post fermentation maceration.

Alcohol: 13.5%  
Total acidity: 5.1  
PH: 3.7  
Residual sugar: 3.2 g/L

#### AGING

The wines spend 10-12 months in 100% French Oak; 2nd and 3rd use barrels for subtle, integrated oak influence. Wines are filtered and cold stabilized prior to bottling and release.

#### TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine shows black fruits, spices and violet aromas followed by some mineral and graphite notes. Great concentration and very well-balanced acidity along with soft silky tannins, ripe plum, chocolate flavors and a persistent finish.

