

50 Best Vineyards names Catena Zapata Number 1 Vineyard in the World

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

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- 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:



Dr. Laura Catena Receives World's Best Vineyard Award

“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.”

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!”

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WORLD'S BEST 2023 VINEYARDS

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

Top 50 World's Best Vineyards - the List

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.

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>

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