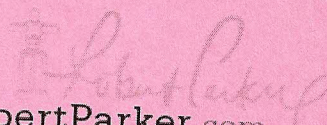



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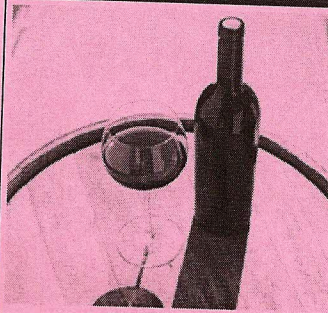
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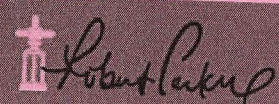
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2006 Cheval des Andes Cheval des Andes
 Cheval des Andes 
 A Bordeaux Blend Dry Red Table wine from Mendoza, Argentina

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 180 Dec 2008	Jay Miller	96	Drink: 2015 - 2035	\$54-\$89

The 2006 Cheval des Andes was bottled in early 2008 but has not yet been released. The 2006 vintage is superb throughout Mendoza and this wine, as in many other bodegas I visited in April 2008, shows off the extra dimension of complexity made possible in an exceptional year. The wine is composed entirely of Malbec and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a bit more saturated than the 2005 with a splendid perfume of pain grille, mineral, espresso, black cherry, and black raspberry that leaps from the glass. More opulent and layered than the 2005, it also conceals a bit more structure. The finish seems to go on and on. Drink it from 2015 to 2035.

(Not yet released)

Cheval des Andes is owned by the legendary Saint-Emilion producer, Chateau Cheval Blanc. The wine is sourced from their 50 hectare estate vineyard planted on its own roots in 1929. The first vintage was 1999 and over time the wine has evolved into having a majority of Malbec in the blend. New oak is used for the Cabernet component and one-year-old barrels for the Malbec. Altogether the wine spends 18 months in cask.

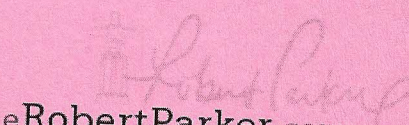
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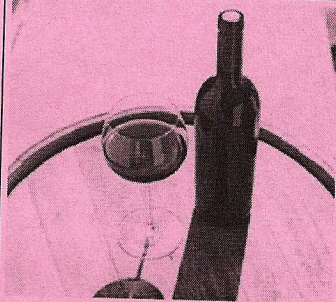


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2005 Luca Nico By Luca Malbec

A Malbec Dry Red Table wine from Mendoza, Argentina

Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 180 Dec 2008	Jay Miller	95	Drink: 2012 - 2030	\$120 (125)

The 100% Malbec 2005 Nico by Luca was aged for 12 months in 100% new French oak. Dense purple-colored, it offers a splendid nose of pain grille, mineral, spice box, black cherry, and blackberry liqueur. This leads to a full-bodied, opulent wine with gobs of savory fruit, outstanding balance, and serious aging potential. Give it 4-6 years in the cellar and drink it from 2012 to 2030. There are only 400 3-packs of this phenomenal effort.

Luca is the personal project of Laura Catena, M.D., daughter of Nicolas Catena, the founder of Catena-Zapata.

Importer: Vine Connections, Sausalito, CA; tel. (415) 332-8466

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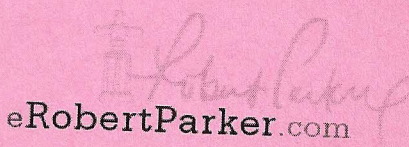
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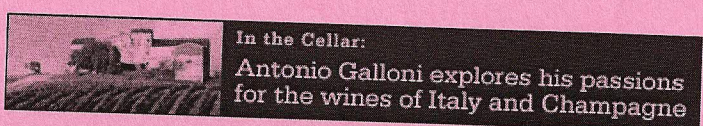
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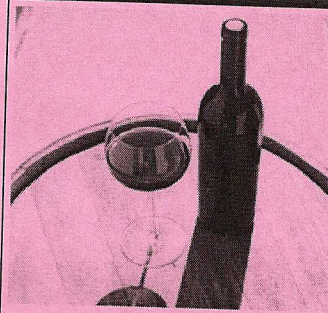


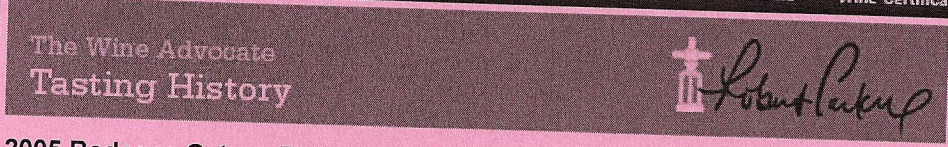
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2005 Bodegas Catena Zapata Malbec Catena Zapata Nicasia Vineyard

Bodegas Catena Zapata 
A Malbec Dry Red Table wine from Mendoza, Argentina

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Source	Reviewer	Rating	Maturity	Current (Release) Cost
Wine Advocate # 180 Dec 2008	Jay Miller	96	Drink: 2013 - 2027	\$89-\$114 (105)

The 2005 Malbec Nicasia Vineyard spent 18 months in 100% new French oak. Opaque purple-colored, it displays an expressive perfume of wood smoke, mineral, scorched earth, allspice, black cherry, and blackberry. On the palate it is full-bodied with gobs of savory fruit, a smooth texture, sweet flavors, and superb depth. It will evolve for 5-7 years and offer prime drinking from 2013 to 2027.

The Catena Zapata portfolio is stunning from entry-level to top-of-the-line. As an aside, during my visit to Catena-Zapata in April, 2008, I tasted many barrel samples of 2006s and 2007s. The components, particularly of the 2006s are astounding; the best is yet to come.

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