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New Ranking Lists the World's 50 Best Vineyards to Visit

Argentina's Catena Zapata was just crowned the No. 1 wine estate in the world to go experience firsthand.



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Catena Zapata in Argentina tops the list at No. 1. Source: Bodega Catena Zapata

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A vast blue sky, a backdrop of awe-inspiring snow-covered Andes mountains, and a spectacular pyramid shaped adobe building that looked like a Mayan temple surrounded by vines: that was my first impression of Catena Zapata, one of Argentina's most famous wineries, on my first visit almost two decades ago.

Winemaker Nicolas Catena put Argentine malbec on the world map. His charismatic daughter Laura now runs the winery, where you can dine in its brand-new restaurant in the vines, play master blender for a day, pair wine with music, or take the ultimate tour to its dramatic Adrianna vineyard at an elevation of 5,000 feet.

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