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# Vino Argentino: An Insider's Guide To The Wines And Wine Country Of Argentina



## Synopsis

In this book – part wine primer, part cultural exploration, part introduction to the Argentine lifestyle – discover where to eat, what to see, and how to travel like a local with Laura Catena, the Argentina-born, United States-educated, globetrotting wine star. The world's fifth largest producer of wine, Argentina is home to malbec, the country's best-known indigenous grape. More than 400,000 Americans and 600,000 Europeans visit Argentina every year to enjoy the mighty malbec, taste unparalleled food, trek the wide-open country, and tango all night long in Buenos Aires. *Vino Argentino* provides insider access to beautiful Argentina.

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## Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading this book. However, a really apt description I read from Laura Catena is that it's her "personal invitation to visit Argentina" and it's wine country. So, it's a bit more high level and less detailed than I'd have liked (which is why I gave it 4 rather than 5 stars), almost reading like a general guidebook, albeit with Laura Catena as your guide. I was hoping for more in depth details about the wine regions of Argentina. Instead, the wine regions profiled are covered rather briefly and

different aspects are highlighted, but not really in depth. It does give you a sort of general idea about the culture and ambiance of each region, and after reading it there are definitely some areas I'd like to visit, and I really want to find a Torrantés from Salta now too. A large section of the book is the included Argentine recipes (most sound like they would take a lot of time - someday when I have a lot of spare time, I would like to try them, as they do sound good) and a suggested 2-week itinerary for visiting there. The photos in the book are gorgeous, if only they were bigger! Overall, I'd recommend the book if you want to know a bit about Argentina wine regions, just understand its not exhaustive coverage of the topic.

Written in a breezy, personal style, Laura Catena is a true insider and member the leading family of wine in Argentina. She manages to be fair and objective, and makes difficult material easy for the casual wine reader. It was certainly helpful on my trip to Mendoza and Salta (Cafayate). It should be updated every few years.

"Vino Argentino- an insider's Guide to the Wines and Wine Country of Argentina" was bought as background reading for an Argentine evening. You know, small group of drinking & eating buddies meeting monthly or whatever around a themed cuisine. Original idea? Nope. But delicious. For such a purpose, this book is splendid. It is organized by regions in Argentina covering that large socially, economically, and for our lusty purposes here, geographically. Within each region, a fine wine estate(s) is selected, and we can read quite delightful stories about the estate's history, owners, their approach to wine-making, technical details (well illustrated) and delectably much about the terroir and the nature of the local wine. Using the book, we selected wines for our evening and they were splendid. But there are other purposes than wine selection for reading this Guide to the Wines and Wine Country of Argentina. Many of us delight in surrogate travel, and this is a grand travel book. One could plan a wine-lovers Argentine adventure using the information, or travel as Emily Dickenson wrote on the frigate that is a book, taking us miles away. I have no criticisms but what a package if offered the book together with a case of the wines described! Just note this is NOT about bargain wines of Argentina, so if you want cheap but good enough wines (and I often do myself) or are comfortable only relying on Expert X's rating, this is not the book for you. If you are delighted to branch out, explore, enjoy wine in the company of good writers, this could be just what you'd like. Thus fellow lovers of travel and lovers of wine, buy this with confidence realizing of course any book can be somewhat outdated that speaks of wineries and restaurants-----and let us drink: BIBENDUM!

I just returned from a trip to Mendoza in which I am helping a friend to purchase land in the area on which he will create his own vineyard and winery. Filled with enthusiasm I was looking for a book that would provide me with greater background on the vineyard and winery industry and way of life in Argentina. Little did I know that I would run across this book. I looked at several books that I might revisit later but when I stumbled upon Laura's book I almost shouted, "that's it!". It was exactly what I was looking for! It has an interesting history, is well written and I liked the food section for good measure. It is the book I would have written if I had the opportunity. I lived in Argentina in the late 90s and am not ashamed to say that I am an asado lover and a fan of all Argentine cuisine. The pictures are great and makes me even more enthusiastic about my next trip in a month. Thank you, Laura, for doing such a great job. I really enjoy your book and will return to it often. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in person some day soon. Ed Klaas [ed@southernsprinklers.com](mailto:ed@southernsprinklers.com)

Not only did I have no idea that there are penguins in Argentina, I really didn't know much at all about the country at all until I read this book. By the end of the first five pages I was hankering to visit this land of diverse climates, wonderful food and wine, wine, wine! Since that wasn't possible I took the book (turned to page 21) with me to K&L wine purveyors where they helped me choose the first Bonarda and Torrontes I had ever had and also some amazing Malbec. I made the Chimichurri and Dulce de Leche recipes at the end of the book, and that Friday we had friends over to enjoy a little bit of Argentina in San Francisco! It was such fun, just like the book is, and the Chimichurri is just amazing. This book is filled with facts and figures about wine production, but also great stories evoking thoughts of wonderful tastes and scents, people and places far away, a hand held vacation!

Dr. Laura is unbelievable. Doctor, mother, winemaker and author. The book is a combination history travelogue and foodie compendium. This is the book if you want a travel guide thru Argentina wine country.

The contents of *Vino* are quite good. There is a mix of excellent reviews of wineries in different sectors of Mendoza as well as a large section devoted to traditional food served in Mendoza. Laura Catena is a great role model to women and the wine industry. Her own label Luca is a top flight producer of Mendoza wine. There is also a section of quality recommendations of restaurants who serve world class food. Mendoza is a huge area and its subsectors produce outstanding fruit. The influx of foreign capital has brought the quality of Argentine wines to an all time high. This

book is an excellent reference point for people traveling to Mendoza.

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