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Wine Spirits

94 POINTS

Winemaking Director Alejandro Vigil blends this wine from a mass selection of malbec in Catena's Nicasia vineyard (planted in 1996 in La Consulta, 3,593 feet above sea level) and Angélica (planted around 1930 in Lunlunta, 3,018 feet above sea level). They destem 80 percent of the bunches before fermenting with ambient yeasts in new French oak barrels, where the wine ages for 18 months before bottling. The oak seems to deepen and lengthen the texture, adding some vanilla flair to the finish. The wine itself is certainly big enough to carry the oak's dark chocolate flavors, the fruit going towards black raspberry layered with blueberry complexity.

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