

## Luca Beso De Dante Mendoza Argentina 2019

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2019

**GRAPE** Cabernet Sauvignon/  
Blend

**GEOGRAPHY** Not Europe

**COUNTRY** Argentina

**LARGER REGION** Cuyo

**SMALLER REGION** Mendoza

**SUB REGION** Uco Valley

### Rationale

While Malbec may be the knee-jerk red wine associated with Argentina's Mendoza region, it should not diminish the importance and quality of the regions Cabernet Sauvignon. Cabernet in Mendoza can be sublime, when it ripens well (not always the case with the cool weather of the high desert). Argentinian Cabernet is Argentina's Cabernet is cultivated widely, with the best coming from Mendoza's Luján de Cuyo in and around the Agrelo, Barrancas, and Las Compuetas areas where full ripening is not the challenge that it can be elsewhere. Here, they are able to show a wonderful depth of flavor, with lots of blackberries, cherry, pepper, vanilla and with a little bit of mint.

Corte literally means "cut" in Spanish, and it refers to the process of taking parts of batches of wines, or cuts, and mixing them together. You can kind of imagine this as like film editing, where scenes are literally cut out and then pasted together in the order the director feels best tells the story. The same is true to Argentinian winemakers who want each bottle to tell a story. They can be combinations of Malbec-Tempranillo, Malbec-Bonarda, and more. But undeniably, the successful are Malbec with Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Sauvignon with Malbec, depending on which variety is predominant.

Laura Catena is a fourth-generation winemaker who grew up in a traditional Argentine-Italian winemaking family in Mendoza. A pioneer of small-grower relations in Mendoza, Laura's incredible, limited production wines come from some of Argentina's best fruit from low-yield, high-elevation, family-owned vineyards. The wines are named after her children - Luca, Dante and Nicola

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Day Bright

**CLARITY** Opaque

**COLOR DEPTH** Deep

**COLOR** Ruby

**RIM VARIATION** Ruby  
*Stained Tears: Medium*

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry

**ACID** Med+

**ALCOHOL** Medium

**TANNIN** Med+

**TEXTURE** Round / Smooth

**FINISH** Long

**COMPLEXITY** High

### Aroma & Taste

**RED FRUIT** Red Currant • Red Plum • Red / Sour Cherry • Strawberry *Condition: Ripe*

**BLUE FRUIT** Blueberry • Boysenberry *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

**BLACK FRUIT** Black Cherry • Black Currant / Cassis • Black Plum • Blackberry *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*

**FLORAL** Rose • Violet *Condition: Fresh*

**GREEN VEGETABLE** Arugula • Dark Leafy Greens

**OTHER VEGETABLE** Fennel / Anise • Mushrooms (Brown) • Cola Nut

**HERBAL** Mint / Eucalyptus • Sage • Tea Leaf / Bergamot • Tobacco Leaf

**OTHER SPICES** Licorice (Black) • Licorice (Red) • Chinese Five Spice

**ORGANIC EARTH** Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock

**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

**OAK INFLUENCE** Cedar / Cigar Box • Nutmeg • Coffee / Bean • Sandalwood • Vanilla

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Hazelnut • Walnut