



HIGHLIGHTS

Catena Institute of Wine

November 2024



ADRIANNA VINEYARD, MENDOZA, AR

Here's what happened in Mendoza over the past week!

"The Terroir Congress was excellent, allowing to "uncork" a unique terroir centered on Malbec as a revealer of the soil and climate variability of Mendoza and its sub regions. These components shape the authenticity of the wines, where social and ecological values are deeply rooted in protecting and promoting this land and its people."

- **ETIENNE NEETHLING, EXPERT IN TERROIR MANAGEMENT**

"We have a lot of diversity in vitis vinifera. We just need to understand this diversity better so we can help it. Wine regions are much more climatically diverse than people think - they are not all Mediterranean climate regions."

- **GREG JONES, EXPERT IN CLIMATE AND VITICULTURE**

"The level of research was incredible; learning about Mendoza and the depth of research at the Catena Institute is truly amazing. Sharing knowledge with researchers and producers has been an incredible learning experience."

- **CRISTINA LAZCANO, EXPERT IN SOIL HEALTH**

"The 15th International Terroir Congress was incredibly exciting. We explored geology and soil in the vineyards, gaining a deeper understanding of how terroir influences the wines of our high-altitude region. We discussed the remarkable diversity of soils and how they express themselves in the flavors of our wines, and also enjoyed great evening activities."

- **DR LAURA CATENA, CATENA INSTITUTE OF WINE FOUNDER**

SPEAKERS

Cristina Lazcano (USA)	Jorge A. Prieto (ARG)
Nazareth Torres (SP)	Cristobal Onetto (AUS)
Marcos Paolinelli (ARG)	Cécile Coulon-Leroy (FR)
Cecilia Acosta (ARG)	Pau Sancho-Galán (SP)
Daniela Mezzatesta (ARG)	Amanda Cattani (CH)
Carolina Ledda (ARG)	Cassandra Collins (AUS)
Rosana Vallone (ARG)	Taina Fragoso (BR)
Claudio Galmarini (ARG)	Tania Acuña (ISR)
Mónica Balzarini (ARG)	Rodrigo Alonso (ARG)
Vicente Sotés Ruiz (SP)	Alessandro Matese (IT)
Miki Sugiura (JP)	Agnes Destrac (FR)
Martin Bravo (SP)	Cornelis van Leeuwen (FR)
Sandra Consuegra (SP)	Laure de Rességuier (FR)
Greg Jones (USA)	Thibaut Verdenal (CH)
Mercedes Fourment (UY)	Flavio Muñoz (ARG)
Antonello Bonfante (IT)	Natalia Caliani (AUS)
Monica Canton (IT)	Karl Mendoza (PE)
Benjamin Bois (FR)	Catia Brito (PT)
Quenol Hervé (FR)	Lia Dinis (PT)
Alexandre Pons (FR)	Sébastien Zito (FR)
Nicolas Depetris Chauvin (CH)	Miguel Cachao (PT)
Pierfederico La Notte (IT)	Ghislaine Hilbert-Masson (FR)
Deolindo Dominguez (ARG)	Andrea Fruitos (ARG)
Franca Carlotta Foerster (DE)	Luciano Calderón (ARG)
Marco Lucchetta (IT)	Alfredo Draque (ARG)
Sébastien Nicolas (ARG)	Carolina Ragoni Maniero (BR)
Jesús Yuste (SP)	Adrianna Catena (ARG)
Ramiro Tachini (UY)	Yanina D. Giordano (AUS)
Maximiliano Viale (ARG)	Laura A. Mercado (ARG)
Coralie Dewasme (FR)	Roy Urvieta (ARG)
Sandra Rios-Nuñez (CH)	Etienne Neething (FR)
Philippe Gallusci (FR)	Javier Tello (SP)
Riccardo Aversano (IT)	Silvia Corti (ARG)
Alessandra Iannuzzi (IT)	Eduardo Ramalhoso (BR)
	Natalia Carrillo (ARG)

+250 attendees



Adrianna Vineyard Field Day

On Sunday, Nov. 17th, the Catena Institute team took friends and experts to spend a day in the vineyards. The group rode up to Gualtallary in the Uco Valley, where at 5,000 ft elevation they reached Adrianna, the vineyard with the most 100-point wines in South America.

The experience began with an exploration of the Malbec plots, where the team enjoyed an introductory session and tasting of Malbec Selections.

Next, they dove deep into Pinot Noir and the UVB impact on the vines, and discussed the terroir and vintage discrimination of Malbec wines paper published on Scientific Reports in collaboration with Greg Jones. Guests also visited the iconic White Bones and White Stones soil pits while tasting the wines.

The day culminated with a traditional "asado" in La Bodeguita, paired with 2016 vintage wines from Domaine Nico, Adrianna Vineyard and Nicolás Catena Zapata.

Agenda



Nov 18th

Welcome & Sessions Opening

- Session on Soil I & II
- Session on Climate I
- Visit and dinner at Bodega Lagarde Winery

Scientific Sessions

- Session on Climate II & III
- Session on Plant material and management I & II
- Visit and dinner at Terraza de los Andes Winery



Nov 19th

Kees van Leeuwen



Nov 20th

Adrianna Catena

Scientific Sessions

- Session on Plant material and management III & IV
- Session on Malbec I & II
- Visit and dinner at Catena Zapata Winery

Field Trip

- Introduction to Argentina's Regions and the Uco Valley
- Trip to Uco Valley
- Terroir Wine Fair



Nov 21st

Keynote Speakers



Dr. Benjamin Bois

Associate Professor of Viticulture and Climatology at the University of Burgundy, France.



Dr. Kees van Leeuwen

Professor of Viticulture and Head of the Viticulture – Enology department, at Bordeaux Sciences Agro, ISVV Bordeaux, France.



Dr. Philippe Gallusci

Professor of Vegetal Molecular Biology, Université de Bordeaux, France.



Dr. Cristina Lazcano

Associate Professor of Soils and Plant Nutrition at UC Davis, California, USA.



Dr. Luciano Calderón

Dr. in Biological Sciences and specialized in Genetics. CONICET Scientist and researcher, Mendoza, Argentina.

Laying the Foundations for Argentine Viticulture

Knowledge, innovation, and the introduction of French grape varieties in Mendoza, c. 1850-1940

“The climate and the soil allow for the cultivation of all the better-known varieties in Europe, so the terroir is there.”

Adrianna Catena

A Few Takeouts & Notes on the Event by Laura Catena

- There was an enriching talk by **Kees van Leeuwen's** on water scarcity and how it requires new approaches to irrigation, rootstocks, and the selection of grape varieties worldwide.
- **Etienne Neethling** from Angers, France, spoke about Malbec in France and emphasized the importance of genetic diversity and polyclonal plantings globally.
- **Greg Jones'** presentation suggested that we might need a new way to describe the climate of terroir, moving beyond the Winkler classification to something more nuanced.
- **Benjamin Bois** and his team from Burgundy, delivered a fantastic presentation on Pinot Noir around the world. This included a segment on Argentina, presented by Sébastien Nicolas.
- **Roy Urvieta** and **Fernando Buscema**, gave a keynote session on how terroir can be studied through chemical fingerprints and emphasized that terroir is not a myth and that it is very much alive in the wines of Argentina and of other parts of the world.



About the Catena Institute of Wine

The Catena Institute of Wine was founded in 1995 by Dr. Laura Catena, Managing Director of Catena Zapata, with the mission of producing Argentine wines that can stand with the best in the world. The team works to elevate Argentine wine for the centuries to come, using science to preserve our nature and culture, in collaboration with local and international institutions.

For more information about the CIW, visit the website www.catenainstitute.com

Thank you for joining!

