BY ERNESTO CATENA VINEYARDS

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Ernesto Catena, Owner

Ernesto Catena is a fourth-generation winemaker of Italian descent who, having spent a part of his life working as a designer and being a fervent student of Renaissance humanism, sees it as his mission to transform everything in his wine world into art, from growing the grapes to making the wine to selling it. Ernesto believes wine is art just like painting, music, or dance. The creation of something beautiful becomes truly inspiring when produced with feeling. Ernesto believes in certified organic farming, the philosophy of biodynamics,, and in the relationship between us, nature, and the universe. Over the years, Ernesto has designed his biodynamic farm and vineyard as a sculpture to be gazed at from the sky; Similar to how the Mayas and the Incas designed their cities, to be enjoyed by the gods. His vineyard is surrounded by forests, animals, and rose gardens which help to achieve a state of harmony and equilibrium. Ernesto is passionate about the philosophy behind biodynamics and spends as much time as possible in his vineyards and orchards.