



# Crios

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*Susana Balbo*

## CABERNET SAUVIGNON

### **The Philosophy**

After 22 years of winemaking, Susana Balbo has a strong sense of what she wants from her wines. From every harvest, she creates the grandest possible wines under her Susana Balbo label. To achieve this, she makes a rigorous selection of the finest barrels prior to making her final blends, dividing them into the parents (reserve level wines) and offspring or "crios". Wines under her Crios label display ripe fruit flavors, excellent balance and concentration, and are meant to be enjoyed in their vibrant youth. They are also an incredibly good value. And like Susana's own crios (a boy & a girl), this Cabernet Sauvignon is extremely lovable and fun to be around.

### **The Details**

Vintage:	2002
Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyard Locations:	Agrelo
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,110 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	36 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	11 months in 50% 1-year French and 50% 1-year American barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.6
T.A.	5.46
Total Case Production:	7000 cases

### **Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions**

Intense ruby color with enticing aromas of ripe plums and red currants. The richly textured plum and currant flavors are joined by accents of dark chocolate and spicy, vanilla oak on. The ripe, vibrant tannins give the wine beautiful structure and an amazingly long finish. Drink it now or over the next few years to enjoy the fruit flavors at their best. It will pair well with traditional Cabernet-friendly foods like grilled or roasted meats.

### **About the Name/Label**

Crios means "offspring" (as in children). Susana selected a word to express the notion that these are wines that haven't quite "grown up" to the same level of quality and maturity as her more expensive Susana Balbo label wines, but they receive the same loving care and attention throughout the winemaking process. The label features a series of three connected and overlapping hands, an image inspired by a Mayan artifact. The three hands represent Susana and her two children.