



Crios

DE
Susana Balbo

ROSÉ OF MALBEC

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 Rosé of Malbec is extremely lovable and fun to be around.

The Details

Vintage:	2003
Varietal Composition:	100% Malbec
Vineyard Locations:	Agrelo
Avg. Age of Vines:	25 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Special Handling:	Saignée of Malbec
Oak Regimen:	None
Fining:	None
Filtration:	Light filtration
Alcohol:	13.5%
pH:	3.6
T.A.	5.70
Total Case Production:	1600 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

A beautiful, deep, vibrant rosé color. Has a surprising amount of glycerin and body for a rosé wine, and beautiful aromas of fresh, ripe wild strawberries. On the palate, the flavors of strawberries and cherries come rushing in, accompanied by some spice notes and a clean, dry finish. This is the wine to serve with warm-weather meals when there is a mix of traditional white & red wine foods. Keep one in the fridge at all times and you’ll always have a delicious wine to enjoy with light snacks and cheeses. Best consumed in its youth.

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.