



Susana Balbo

Cabernet Sauvignon

The Philosophy

After 22 years of winemaking, Susana Balbo has a strong sense of what she wants from her wines. Susana strives for optimal balance, with layers of complexity coming from blends she creates from individually fermented and barrel-aged varietals. The wines are never heavy or dull. Power is never the object—finesse is. She wants people who drink her wines to feel that every sip from the glass is as exciting as the first. The Susana Balbo wines are the top barrel selections from her overall production, thus quantities are limited.

The Details

Vintage:	2005
Varietal Composition:	85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot
Vineyard Locations: (Department-District)	Agrelo, Altamira-La Consulta
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	3,350 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	29 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	13 months in 80% new French and 20% 2 nd year American oak.
Fining:	None
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	14.0%
T.A.	6.13
Total Case Production:	750 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

Deep ruby color with hints of purple. Classic Cabernet aromas of rich red fruits, plum, tobacco, roasted coffee beans, and a touch of fresh mint. The aromas are echoed on the palate, with layers of fruit and spice pushing on and on. It's a full-bodied wine that has incredible length and purity of flavor—it really keeps you coming back for more. If Cabernet Sauvignon dreamed at night, this is what it would dream about! Pairs well with a wide range of foods from beef and pork to lamb, quail and other game birds, and cream-based sauces. This wine will age very well, so don't forget some bottles for the cellar too.

About the Name/Label

The label features figurines from a silver Huarpe Indian necklace that Susana owns. The figures represent women's reproductive role as the connection between the past, present, and future. She considers her role as winemaker to be the connection between the vineyards (past), the winemaking (present), and the finished wines (future).

