



Crios

DE
Susana Balbo

MALBEC

The Philosophy

After over two decades of winemaking, Susana Balbo has a strong sense of what she wants from her wines. Wines under her Crios label display ripe fruit flavors, excellent balance and concentration, and are meant to be enjoyed in their vibrant youth. Crios Malbec is a good example why Argentine Malbec is becoming so popular: It is at once an easygoing and eminently drinkable wine, and at the same time a wine that makes you say, "Wow, that's pretty serious juice for the money!" And like Susana's own crios (a boy & a girl), this Malbec is extremely lovable and fun to be around.

The Details

Vintage:	2006
Varietal Composition:	100% Malbec
Vineyard Locations:	Agrelo & Tupungato
Avg. Age of Vines:	16 years
Rootstock:	Ungrafted
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	9 months in 50% 1-year French and 50% 1-year American barriques
Fining:	None
Filtration:	Light filtration
Alcohol:	13.5%
T.A.	5.68
Total Case Production:	9,000 cases

Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions

The wine has a beautiful reddish/purple color as most good Malbecs do. The aromas are a mix of freshly crushed black cherries and toasty/smoky oak—just enough to frame the exuberant fruit. On the palate, the flavors of cherries and spice are obvious, and the jammy fruit quality just keeps coming on strong, with hints of spice and sandalwood lurking in the background. This is a wine that you'll want to buy by the case because it can be consumed at almost any occasion, whether at a fancy dinner party, or just curled up on the couch in front of a movie. Fun and delicious—what more can you ask for?!

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.