



# CJR REGINATO

## "Celestina" Rose of Malbec

"CJR" are the initials of Celestina and Jose Reginato, the matriarch and patriarch of the highly regarded Reginato winemaking family. Jose and his son, Pepe Reginato, have been making sparkling wines since 1986. They produce both Charmat and "Metodo Tradicional" (bottle-fermented) sparkling wines and they are known to craft some of Mendoza's most sought-after limited-production, boutique bubbly.

### The Philosophy

Unlike many other "factory" sparkling wine producers in Mendoza, the Reginatos personally manage the whole process themselves, from grape to bottle. They manage the vineyards, select the grapes, harvest at the optimal time, make the base wine, and then do secondary fermentation at their own winery. They produce both Charmat and "Metodo Tradicional" (bottle-fermented) sparkling wines, and if you ever get a chance to meet Pepe, you'll see what kind of hand muscles you can develop after years of hand-riddling bottles to remove the yeast from sparkling wines.

Vintage:	2006
Varietal Composition:	100% Malbec
Secondary Fermentation:	Metodo Tradicional
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Press Handling:	No press wine
Sur lies bottle aging:	14 months
Alcohol:	12.8%
T.A.	6.3
Total Case Production:	500 cases

### Tasting Notes

As soon as it hits the glass, you can see with your own eyes that this is no "salmon-hued" sparkler. It has a vibrant, rich, red color that suggests something heavy, but pop it in your mouth, and you will feel the crisp, dry and refreshing mouth-feel that you want with your meal. It has some light berry flavors, just a hint of tannin structure, and an amazing elegance. It speaks of the rich Malbec grape, but never loses its light, refreshing nature. It will give you a good reason to drink sparkling wine with your main course!

### About Reginato "Celestina"

The "Celestina" Rose of Malbec is a special tribute to their family's late matriarch, whose name means "matchmaker" in Spanish. Match it with a night of romance or your favorite meal!

