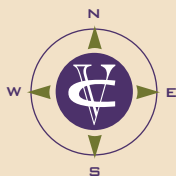




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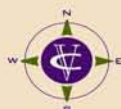
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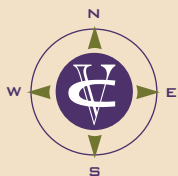
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LA POSTA

***"All four of the La Posta wines are outstanding values!"***

**LA POSTA 2006 MALBEC PIZZELLA FAMILY VYD. MENDOZA 90+**

*"...perfumed and expressive aromatically...more structured...likely a result of [Pizzella's] cooler climate."*

**LA POSTA 2006 COCINA BLEND MENDOZA 90**

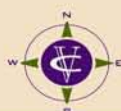
*"...notes of cedar, spice, blueberry and black cherry. Easy drinking and seamless."*

**LA POSTA 2006 MALBEC PAULUCCI VINEYARD MENDOZA 90**

*"Medium-bodied and elegant...excellent depth, smooth texture and excellent balance."*

**LA POSTA 2006 BONARDA ARMANDO VINEYARD MENDOZA 89**

*"...palate notes of pepper, chocolate, mint. Ripe and tasty with gobs of flavor...hedonistic and well-priced effort."*



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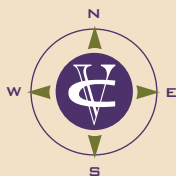
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**MAPEMA 2005 MALBEC MENDOZA 90**

*"...aromas of cedar, spice, mineral, black cherry...elegant, smooth texture, fruit-filled finish."*

**MAPEMA 2002 PRIMERA ZONA MENDOZA 90**

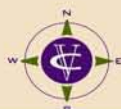
*"...evolved nose offering lots of spice...flavors offering complexity and youthful impression."*

**MAPEMA 2007 SAUVIGNON BLANC MENDOZA 89**

*"Best Buys Other Varietals."*

**MAPEMA 2005 TEMPRANILLO MENDOZA 87**

*"Best Buys Other Varietals."*



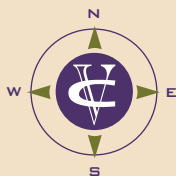
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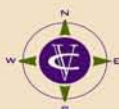
## NOSOTROS

*Susana Balbo, Pedro*

**NOSOTROS                      2005   NOSOTROS MALBEC                      MENDOZA                      93**

*"...layers of sweet fruit and silky, well-integrated tannins...long, pure 60 second finish."*

*New wine from Susana Balbo and Pedro Marchevsky*



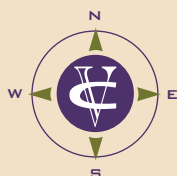
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*Susana Balbo*

**SUSANA BALBO 2005 BRIOSO MENDOZA 92**

*"...gobs of sweet fruit and chocolate, ripe tannins. Should evolve in the manner of a top St. Julien."*

**SUSANA BALBO 2006 MALBEC MENDOZA 91**

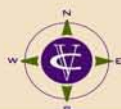
*"...elegant personality, layers of ripe fruit, nicely concealed tannins and pure finish."*

**SUSANA BALBO 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MENDOZA 91**

*"...medium-bodied...excellent depth and concentration, a firm structure, nicely balanced."*

**SUSANA BALBO 2005 VIRTUOSO L.H. MALBEC MENDOZA 90**

*"This late harvest Malbec is made in a Amarone style. Intense nose of Asian spice, cherry...off-dry with good depth of flavor."*



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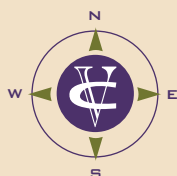
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**Crios**  
DE  
*Susana Balbo*

***"All of the Crios wines are outstanding values!"***

**CRIOS      2006    CABERNET SAUVIGNON      MENDOZA      90**

*"...excellent bouquet of cedar, spice box, cassis, black currants...smooth texture, intense dark fruit..."*

**CRIOS      2006    MALBEC      MENDOZA      90**

*"...lovely aromatic display of wood smoke, spice box and black cherry...layered with excellent depth."*

**CRIOS      2007    TORRONTES      CAFAYATE      90**

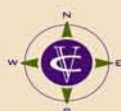
*"...as good as this varietal gets. Super fragrant, creamy texture, intense flavors, excellent acidity, lengthy finish."*

**CRIOS      2007    ROSÉ OF MALBEC      MENDOZA      89**

*"Dry in style...rich flavors, excellent acidity and a lengthy finish...remarkable food-friendly wine."*

**CRIOS      2005    SYRAH-BONARDA      MENDOZA      89**

*"...supple-textured and easy-drinking...plenty of vibrant, spicy, dark fruits, soft tannins and fruit-filled finish..."*



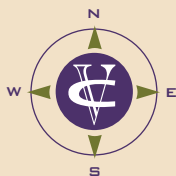
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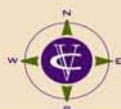
MENDEL  
WINES

**MENDEL 2005 UNUS MENDOZA 94**

*"...super expressive perfume of toasty oak, plum and black cherry...plush and full flavored."*

**MENDEL 2005 MALBEC MENDOZA 93**

*"Supple, ripe and layered...firmly structured with well-concealed tannins..."*



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