



Cortés de Cima

Alentejo, Portugal Family Vineyards

Syrah 2004

Hans Kristian Jorgensen, Cortés de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Syrah
Total Acids:	5.2
Final pH:	3.68
Residual Sugars:	3.1
Alcohol:	14%
Barrel ageing:	6 months in French and Romanian oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2005
51.537 bottles (75 cl) produced
Release date: March 2008



Vintage 2004

St. Peter baptized the very first and the very last day of Harvest with rain this year! The 5 weeks in between were warm INDIAN SUMMER days under bright blue skies and cool nights, perfect Alentejan harvest weather with optimal ripening conditions. In short, yields were lower, ripeness was very even, with healthy fruit, good acid levels, high color and alcohol levels. BUDBREAK took place in March with FLOWERING starting in early May. With the weather completely on our side, we were able to fine-tune the harvest just to our wishes. A single section of the vineyard, sometimes just sections of a single row, were selected each day for HARVESTING according to whether or not the grapes had reached the desired level of phenolic ripeness.

Vinification

Made exclusively from selected Syrah grapes hand picked at optimum maturity from chosen sites in our own vineyards. Fermented without stems under temperature control, frequent delestage, followed by extended skin maceration to enhance varietal fruit characters, and to provide tannin structure and balance. Aged for 6 months in French and Romanian oak barrels.

Our Winemaker's Comments

Lifted, scented red berry fruit aromatics, cherry, strawberry and vanilla notes. Sweet, spicy oak and silky fruit dominate a succulent palate, which has good balance and great mouth feel.

Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2007
- ◆ Silver Medal - S.F. Intl Wine Competition - California 2008
- ◆ Silver Medal - Mundus Vini - Germany 2006
- ◆ Silver Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin - Bruxelles 2006
- ◆ Bronze Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2008
- ◆ Bronze Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards - UK 2008
- ◆ Gran Menzione - Vinitaly 2008 Concorso Enologico Internazionale
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- ▲ Seal of Approval - International Wine Challenge - London 2006

Ratings

- 90 – *Wine Spectator*
- 90 – *Wine Enthusiast*
- 88 – (Mark Squires) *Robert Parker*



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Reviews

The 2004 SYRAH is a more classic wine than some of the single varietals here. It seems like typical Syrah, with some gamey nuances. It is elegant, and well balanced, with ripe tannins. I know from speaking to them that the owners are not necessarily so happy when their wines show those gamey notes, but many Old World Syrah lovers will find something here to like that they do not get from the winery's other offerings. - *Mark Squires - eRobertParker.com - Dec. 2007*

Very juicy, this is filled with ripe, well-defined flavors of dark plum, pepper, black fig and spice. The long finish features cream and milk chocolate. Distinctive. Drink now through 2012. - *KM - Wine Spectator - 31 December 2007*

A gentle giant of wine, this powers through the tannins and the acidity to give great ripe black damson and plum fruits, a juicy richness, just lifted by a touch of toast. The aftertaste is impressive, lifted with acidity and freshness after all that power. - *RV - Wine Enthusiast Dec 2007*

The nose on this wine is it's best quality with anise, meat, mint, clove and mixed raspberry aromas. In the mouth this is a big wine with thick acidity and unctuous qualities. Black liquorice, molasses, black pepper and chocolate lead me to believe that this could be a very fun wine. - *Ryan Opaz (08/2007) catavino.net*

Track Record

2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini
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2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France
2001 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin, Bordeaux