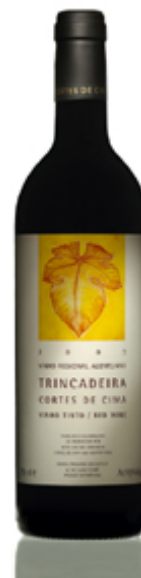


Trincadeira 2004

Cortés de Cima
Appellation: Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Trincadeira
Total Acids:	5.2
Final pH:	3.7
Residual Sugars:	3.3
Alcohol:	14.0%
Barrel Ageing:	9 months FO

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2005
Total production: 17,697 bottles



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 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 Trincadeira grapes hand picked at optimum maturity from chosen sites in our own vineyards. Fermented without stems under temperature control, frequent delestage, to enhance varietal fruit characters, and to provide tannin structure and balance.

Our Winemaker's comments

Attractive bright red colour with purple edges. Aroma showing perfumed red berry It shows subtle aromas of cherries and plums. The palate is soft and elegant underlined with fine, rounded tannins.

Awards

- ◆Trophy Prestige - Citadelles du Vin - Bordeaux 2006
- ◆Silver Medal - Mundus Vini - Germany 2007
- ◆Bronze Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2006
- ◆Bronze Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2006
- ◆Bronze Medal - S.F. Intl Wine Competition - California 2007
- ◆Bronze Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards - UK 2008
- ◆Gran Menzione - Vinitaly 2008 Concorso Enologico Internazionale
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- ▲Approved - Mundus Vini - Germany 2006

Ratings

87 – *Wine Enthusiast*
86 – (Mark Squires) *Rober Parker*



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Reviews

A high-perfumed, highly individualistic wine, with beetroot and sweet red cherry flavors, leaving freshness and lively acidity. The 100% Trincadeira gives character to a wine that would go well with rich stews in the winter. - Roger Voss - *Wine Enthusiast*, Dec 2007

Funky in the nose, better on the palate, with a touch of asparagus mingling with sweet fruit. There were moments when this was interesting and likeable, others when it seemed to be a bit odd. This grape is always a thrill a minute—you never seem to know quite what it is going to do, and it may produce wines with odd aromas and vegetal flavors. As with most of this winery's upscale products, there is good structure here and the wine can age.
- Mark Squires - eRobertParker.com, Dec 2007

Track Record

2003 Vintage - Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition;
2003 Vintage - Silver Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin;
2003 Vintage - Silver Medal - Mundus Vini



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