

Hans Christian Andersen 2007

Cortés de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal	100% Syrah
Total Acids	5.8
Final pH	3.60
Residual Sugars	3.4
Alcohol	14%
Barrel Ageing	8 months in French and American Oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfiltered and unfinned in August 2008
Release Date: October 2009
Total production: 4.600 bottles



Homage to Hans Christian Andersen

Three Danes have joined forces to create this special commemorative wine for the worldwide celebration in 2005 of the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Danish storyteller Hans Christian Andersen - Hans Kristian Jorgensen, the winegrower at Cortés de Cima in Portugal, along with his cousin Karen Blincoe, the graphic designer and her daughter Anna, the artist. In 1866 HC Andersen visited Portugal, which he referred to as 'the earthly paradise'. During his 3 month stay, he found inspiration for many stories, one of which 'The Toad' (original title - Skrubtudsen) has been incorporated into our label.

Vintage 2007

A cooler and delayed growing season resulted in grapes with lower baumé, and wines with less alcohol but more elegance. Splendid weather at both the start and end of the harvest, of sunny, warm days and cool nights, was interrupted by a spell of inclement thunderstorms. The unusual September humidity dashed our hopes for a potential superlative vintage, into just a better than average year.

Vinification

Made exclusively from selected Syrah grapes handpicked 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 8 months French in and American oak barrels.

Our Winemaker's Comments

This wine shows ripe, spicy, red berry fruit aromas, with some earthy and gamey notes. Rich fruit driven style with a nice balanced acidity, and a soft, smooth and long finish. Drinks well now, and will improve in the bottle for the next 3-5 years.

Awards

◆ Gold Medal - Challenge Intl. du Vin - Bordeaux 2010