

Incógnito 2008

Cortés de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Syrah
Total Acids:	5.5
Final pH:	3.44
Residual Sugars:	3.1
Alcohol:	14.5%
Barrel ageing:	6 months French Oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in June 2009
Total production: 9.300 bottles (75 cl)

Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2011
- ◆ Silver Medal - Vinalies International 2011
- ◆ Silver Medal - Challenge International du Vin 2011

Ratings

89 – Robert Parker / Mark Squires

Reviews

Syrah in full flight, gamey and showing a lot of character. It is caressing on the palate. The mid-palate is rather elegant and focused. - (Mark Squires) Robert Parker

Earthbound Syrah, with plenty of acidity to go with the berry fruits. It pushes its freshness as much as its weighty black flavors, with a warm ripe feel to it. - Wine Enthusiast

The story of "Incógnito"

When Hans and Carrie Jorgensen saw Cortés de Cima for the first time in 1988, they knew that this was the place they had been searching for. The rolling hills reminded Carrie of her native California, and the sunny Mediterranean climate was the contrast to chilly Denmark for which Hans had been longing!

From the start, they did things differently from local custom, i.e. planting red wine varieties in a traditionally white wine area, introducing Syrah, (and at the time illegal!), using an untraditional 'New World' trellis system- just to name a few. When they bottled their first Syrah varietal in 1998, they were stuck on how to label it, since Syrah was still 'illegal' as a 'Vinho Regional' grape variety, so they called it 'Incógnito'.

Harvest 2008

Winter and spring were cold and wet, resulting in delayed budbreak, uneven pollination, fewer bunches and smaller berries, in especially the Aragonez and Touriga Nacional. Summer was kick started with a mini-hot spell in June, but followed by 2 steady months of dry, warm days and cool nights, optimal growing conditions.

With the exception of a short rainy spell which quickly passed, the harvest weather was the finest in memory, of dry, warm sunny days, affording us the luxury of fine tuning the harvest tempo according to the ripeness of a particular grape variety, a particular vineyard parcel, and even a particular row of vines.

Our Winemaker's comments

The wine shows a complex aroma of ripe red berry fruits, with gamey notes of tobacco and tar. The palate is well balanced and nicely textured with layers of sweet savoury fruit. Elegant, intense, and persistent with a long lingering finish, and with enough structure to last for up to 10 years of bottle ageing.





Cortés de Cima

Alentejo, Portugal Family Vineyards

Track Record

2005 Vintage - Gold Medal – Berliner Wein Trophy – Germany 2009
2005 Vintage - Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France 2009
2005 Vintage - Gold Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2008
2005 Vintage - Gold Medal – Mundus Vini - Germany
2005 Vintage - 3rd Place - 'Essência do Vinho' International Competition - Top Ten Portuguese Wines
2004 Vintage - 90 – Robert Parker / Mark Squires
2004 Vintage - Gold Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2006
2004 Vintage - Gold Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin - Bruxelles 2006
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2002 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker / Mark Squires
2002 Vintage - Grand Gold - Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly 2004
2002 Vintage - Gold Medal - Japan Wine Challenge 2004
2002 Vintage - Gold Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin - Bruxelles 2004
2001 Vintage - Trophée Excellence – Citadelles du Vin, Bordeaux, 2003
2000 Vintage - Gold Medal – Challenge Intl du Vin, Bordeaux, 2002
2000 Vintage - Top Ten – 'Wine Discoveries' Favourites of the Intl. Press, Vinexpo Bordeaux 2001
2000 Vintage - Gold Medal – Mundus Vini, Germany 2002
2000 Vintage - Wine of the Year 2002 – Gula Magazine, Brazil
1999 Vintage - 90 – Wine Spectator
1999 Vintage - Gold Medal – International Wine Challenge UK, 2001
1999 Vintage - Red Wine of the Year 2001 – The Independent daily newspaper UK
1998 Vintage - Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles, 2000