

## Cortés de Cima Reserva 2008

Cortés de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	44% Aragonez, 24% Touriga Nacional, 20% Syrah, 12% Petit Verdot
<b>Total Acids:</b>	5.4
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.56
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	3.1
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14,5%
<b>Barrel Ageing:</b>	14 months in FO (80%) and AO (20%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.  
Bottled unfiltered, filtered in April 2010  
Total production: 6.240 (75cl)  
Release Date: September 2011



### Vintage 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.

### Vinification

Made exclusively from selected 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 14 months in French oak (80%) and American oak (20%) barrels, and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak components. Bottled, unfiltered and filtered in April 2010.

### Our Winemaker's comments

A complex wine with a bouquet of spicy, red berry fruit, showing notes of tobacco and leather. The palate is both creamy and elegant with extremely fine tannins, good intensity and a firm persistent finish. Very stylish, will continue to improve in the bottle for up to 10 years.

### Awards

- ◆ **Gold Medal** – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - International Wine Challenge - London 2012
- ◆ **Silver Medal** – Decante World Wine Awards - UK 2012
- ◆ **Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS)** – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2011
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - International Wine Challenge - London 2011
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - Vinalies International 2011
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - Challenge International du Vin 2011

### Ratings

92 - *Wine Enthusiast (Cellar Selection)*  
90 - *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*  
89 - *Wine Spectator*



# Cortes de Cima

Alentejo, Portugal Family Vineyards

## Reviews

The top of the range at Cortes de Cima and deservedly so. The wine is finely structured, with a feeling of restrained power. It has all the right elements of red plum, dry, dark tannins and prominent acidity, all in balance. - *Wine Enthusiast*

It is a lovely wine, seductive and caressing on the palate, graceful, focused and lingering, with reasonably ripe tannins. This is usually Cortes de Cima's best wine, the most likely wine to be distinguished, and it is again this year. A touch smokey, it is nonetheless a pleasure to drink, a wine that slithers over the mid-palate and seems quite enticing, elegant and ethereal. The wines of Alentejo do not stereotypically have a reputation for elegance, but this manages to provide some, while remaining flavorful. Drink now-2021. - *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*

This delivers aromas and flavors of black currant and cassis, with accents of rich tobacco and mineral. Ripe and spicy on the finish, with chocolate notes. - *Wine Spectator*

## Track Record

2004 Vintage – 91 – *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*  
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2004 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France 2009  
2004 Vintage – BEST OF NATION - Portugal - S.F. Intl Wine Competition - California 2008  
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2004 Vintage – Great Gold Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin - Bruxelles 2007  
2004 Vintage – Gold Medal - Mundus Vini - Germany 2007  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2007  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2008  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal - Challenge Intl. du Vin - Bordeaux 2008  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2007  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal - Decanter World Wine Awards - UK 2008  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal - Vinalies Internationales – France 2007  
2003 Vintage – 92 – *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*  
2003 Vintage – 91 – *Wine Enthusiast*  
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France 2006  
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California 2006  
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini – Germany 2006  
2003 Vintage – Trophy Prestige – Citadelles du Vin – Bordeaux 2006  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2006  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin – Bordeaux 2006  
2001 Vintage - 92 - *Wine Enthusiast 'Editors' Choice!*  
2001 Vintage - 91 - *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*  
2001 Vintage - Trophée Prestige - Citadelles du Vin - Bordeaux 2004  
2001 Vintage - Gold Medal - Vinalies Internationales – France 2004  
2001 Vintage - Gold Medal - Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly 2004  
2001 Vintage - Gold Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin - Bruxelles 2004  
2001 Vintage - Gold Medal - Mundus Vini - Germany 2004  
2001 Vintage - Silver Medal - Challenge Intl. du Vin - Bordeaux 2004  
2001 Vintage - Silver Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2004  
1998 Vintage - 93 – *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*  
1998 Vintage - 91 – *Wine Enthusiast*  
1998 Vintage – Silver Trophy– Les Olympiades du Vin, Bordeaux 2001  
1998 Vintage – Gold Medal – Intl. Wine Challenge, London 2002  
1998 Vintage – Gold Medal – Challenge du Vin, Bordeaux 2001  
1998 Vintage – Gold Medal – Concours Mondial, Bruxelles 2001  
1997 Vintage - 90 – *(Mark Squires) Robert Parker*  
1997 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge International du Vin, Bordeaux 1999  
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