

Hans Christian Andersen 2009

Cortés de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal	100% Syrah
Total Acids	6.2
Final pH	3.42
Residual Sugars	3.6
Alcohol	14 %
Barrel Ageing	7 months in French Oak barrels

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfiltered and unfined in June 2010.
Total production: 3.800 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.

Awards

- ◆ **Gold Medal (Top Ten) – Syrah du Monde 2012**
- ◆ **Silver Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2012**
- ◆ **Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge - London 2012**

Ratings

92 - *Wine Enthusiast "Cellar Selection"*
89 – *Robert Parker*
89 – *Wine Spectator*

Harvest 2009

An exceptionally cold winter, one of the coldest in 19 years, and a rare snowfall in January! Rainfall was normal at 500mm, mostly concentrated in the winter months, followed by a dry and warm spring and summer. Budbreak on 26th February was an early record. Unstable weather during flowering in May resulted in uneven pollination and low fruit set in some varieties. A very hot period in early August when temperatures averaged 25° kick-started the exceptionally early harvest date.

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 7 months in French oak barrels.

Our Winemaker's Comments

This wine shows intense and complex aromatics, with some balsamic notes. A full, rich and concentrated palate, sweet fruit which is both dense and solid, great balance, length and structure. Drinks well now, and will improve in the bottle for the next 3-5 years.



Cortés de Cima

Alentejo, Portugal Family Vineyards

Reviews

Aromas of spicy blackberry and tar. Gutsy and assertive with plump, juicy tannin. Heady and concentrated fruit. Big, bold and sweeping. – *Intl Wine Challenge*

A Syrah-based wine made by Cortés de Cima's Danish owner, Hans Kristian Jorgensen, in homage to the famous Danish writer of fairy stories. It is weighty, rich, ageworthy and ripely fruity. It is packed with firm tannins as well as blackberry acidity.– *Wine Enthusiast*

This is a little tighter and more focused early on than the regular Syrah, with a little bit more of a gamey overlay as it airs out. It retains the sensibilities of the regular bottling in terms of elegance and brightness, though, and it drinks very well...In any event, it is quite a nice offering. – *Robert Parker*

This lush red is dripping with exuberant raspberry and boysenberry flavors, accented by lots of violet notes. The creamy finish features milk chocolate and cream hints.- *Wine Spectator*

Track Record

2008 Vintage - Silver Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2010
2008 Vintage - Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2010
2007 Vintage - Gold Medal - Challenge Intl. du Vin - Bordeaux 2010