



CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

Incógnito 2009

Cortés de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Syrah
Total Acids:	5.6
Final pH:	3.58
Residual Sugars:	3.2
Alcohol:	14%
Barrel ageing:	6 months French Oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered in July 2010

Awards

- ◆ Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012
- ◆ Gold Medal – Syrah du Monde 2012
- ◆ Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2012

Ratings

90 – Robert Parker / Mark Squires

Reviews

Remarkably graceful in this big vintage, but it still adds a layer or two of depth. Bright and elegant, with some grip and intensity on the finish, it is quite charming, with trademark gamey nuances up front. – Robert Parker

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 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.





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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
2004 Vintage - Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2006
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2003 Vintage - Gold Medal - Mundus Vini - Germany 2005
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