



Cortés de Cima
Alentejo, Portugal Family Vineyards

Petit Verdot 2009

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Petit Verdot
Total Acids:	6.0
Final pH:	3.68
Residual Sugars:	3.9
Alcohol:	14%
Barrel Ageing:	12 months in French Oak (100%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled in March 2011
Total production: 3.420 bottles



Awards

- ◆ **Gold Medal** – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012
- ◆ **Silver Medal (Outstanding)** – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2012
- ◆ **Silver Medal** – International Wine Challenge – London 2013
- ◆ **Bronze Medal** – International Wine Challenge – London 2012
- ◆ **Bronze Medal** – Decanter World Wine Awards – UK 2012
- 🏆 **Gran Menzione** – Vinitaly 2012

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 grapes hand picked at optimum maturity from 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 12 months in French (100%) oak barrels, and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak components. Bottled, unfinned and lightly filtered in March 2011. May be subject to throw a deposit.

Our Winemaker's comments

Blackcurrant aromas with hints of mint and eucalyptus. An intense and vibrant palate, with lots of youthful fruit and subtle notes of well integrated toasty oak. Very elegant with good texture, firm tannins and balancing acidity to finish.

Track Record

2008 Vintage – 91 – *Wine Enthusiast*

2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2011
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2010
2008 Vintage – Gran Menzione – Vinitaly – Italy 2011