



# CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

## Cortes de Cima Reserva 2009

Cortes de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	40% Aragonez (Tempranillo), 36% Syrah, 14% Petit Verdot, 10% Touriga Nacional
<b>Total Acids:</b>	5.8
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.64
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	3.9
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Barrel Ageing:</b>	12 months in FO (100%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.  
Bottled unfinned, filtered in March 2011



### Awards

◆ Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2012

### Ratings

91 – *Robert Parker*  
90 – *Wine Enthusiast*  
89 – *Wine Spectator*

### Reviews

Now, without question, this Reserva is certainly the deepest and most concentrated wine of the lineup, with the most power. That fine depth is a pleasure to see and it has a lingering and rather gripping finish. – *Robert Parker*

A powerful wine—this is striated with dark fruits and tannins. The fruit is layered with an impres- sive feel of wood aging. – *Wine Enthusiast*

Medium-grained tannins support refined blackberry preserves, boysenberry and milk chocolate flavors that feature some minty notes. Notes of iron and sea salt linger on the silky finish. – *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 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 12 months in French oak (100%) barrels, and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak components. Bottled, unfinned and filtered in March 2011.

### Our Winemaker's comments

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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.



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## Track Record

2008 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker  
2004 Vintage – 91 – Robert Parker  
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1998 Vintage – 93 – Robert Parker  
1997 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker

2008 Vintage – 92 – Wine Enthusiast (Cellar Selection)  
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2011  
2004 Vintage – 91 – Wine Enthusiast  
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  
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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  
2001 Vintage – 92 – Wine Enthusiast 'Editors' Choice!  
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  
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 – Silver Medal – Challenge International du Vin, Bordeaux 1999  
1997 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge London, UK 1999