



# CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

## Homenagem a Hans Christian Andersen 2011

Cortés de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Total Acids:</b>	6.20
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.65
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	3.2
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Barrel Ageing:</b>	8 months in French and American oak barrels

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate  
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2012.  
Total production: 12.300 bottles (75cl)



## Homenagem a 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 – Syrah du Monde 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2014
- ◆ Silver Medal – Challenge International du Vin 2014

## Ratings

92 (Cellar Selection) - Wine Enthusiast  
91 – Wine Spectator  
90 - Robert Parker

## Reviews

**"It's a powerful wine with a dark side that's very suitable for those fairy stories. Big tannins, black fruits and a dense structure all promise aging."** – *Wine Enthusiast*

**"Big, rich and well-spiced, with pure flavors of blueberry, dark plum and cherry. Features notes of dried meat midpalate, followed by a luscious finish of chocolate mousse and cream. Drink now through 2018."** - *Wine Spectator*

**"A lovely Syrah, fragrant and crisp, with fine flavor on the finish and notable tannins for support.** This straddles the stereotypical New and Old World styles. Not particularly earthy, it has a velvety texture with a touch of cream, but **its sunny disposition makes it lively and fresh** with tension on the finish. With air, it does develop a bit more of those classic Syrah nuances, but it leans more to fruity than complex. It should acquire more complexity with age. While this doesn't have a lot of mid-palate concentration, **it is still likely Cortés de Cima's best Homenagem yet.**" - *Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*



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## Harvest 2011

Vintage 2011 experienced new record-breaking climatic extremes, both in winter rainfall and summer heat. A difficult growing season and harvest due to delayed ripening. Fine harvest weather.

## 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 8 months in French and American oak barrels.

## Our Winemaker's comments

Classy aroma of dark berry fruits, black currant, blueberry and cassis. Well crafted elegant palate showing sweet but solid fruit, well integrated quality oak, great balance, good tannic structure, long and persistent.

## Track Record

2010 Vintage - 92 (Cellar Selection) - *Wine Enthusiast*  
2010 Vintage - Gold Medal – Syrah du Monde 2013  
2010 Vintage - Regional Portugal Trophy – Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2012  
2010 Vintage - Gold Medal – Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2012  
2010 Vintage - Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2013  
2010 Vintage - Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2013  
2010 Vintage - Silver Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2013  
2009 Vintage - 92 (Cellar Selection) – *Wine Enthusiast*  
2009 Vintage - Gold Medal (Top Ten) – Syrah du Monde 2012  
2009 Vintage - Silver Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2012  
2009 Vintage - Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge - London 2012  
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