



# CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

## Incógnito 2011

Cortés de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Total Acids:</b>	5.9
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.61
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	2.9
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Barrel ageing:</b>	8 months French Oak (100%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate  
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2012  
Total production: 14.400 bottles (75cl)

### Awards

- ◆ **Best Red Portugal** - Korea Wine Challenge 2014
- ◆ **Gold Medal** - Korea Wine Challenge 2014
- ◆ **Gold Medal** - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2014
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2015
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2014

### Ratings

**92** – Robert Parker  
**91** – Wine Enthusiast  
**90** – Highly Recommended- Decanter Magazine

### Reviews

**"This is a fine Incógnito year. Silky and intensely flavorful, this is beautifully constructed** with moderate tannins at this point. It still shows a bit too much oak, but that should continue to moderate. Despite the elegance and silk, it also has a **subtle lushness** to it and a tasty conclusion that makes it **rather sexy**. Its upperlevel sibling this year, the Reserva, seems a bit more brooding and structured by contrast. **They both show great. This is very flavorful and completely delicious.**" - Mark Squires eRobertParker.com

"The 2011 Incognito **certainly appears to be a terrific one**. Showing fine concentration, this has plenty of Syrah character, a juicy finish and gradually emerging tannins for support. Showing depth, finesse and structure, not to mention seeming quite delicious, it is likely one of **the best the brand has ever produced**. Drink 2015-2027." - Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

**"This Syrah-based wine is dense, concentrated and seriously ageworthy. It is weighted by concentrated black fruit, with solid tannic structure and fine acidity on the finish."** - Roger Voss – Wine Enthusiast

"A rich, ripe cassis aroma with notes of lifted parma violet and a fresh red-fruit texture, along with a dense palate of dried blueberry and sweet fruit." – DECANTER Magazine UK

### The story of "Incógnito"

The mystery name refers to a time when Syrah was not permitted in Alentejo. In 1991, we were the first ones to plant Syrah in the Alentejo, choosing rootstock from southern Rhone clones. Incógnito is sourced from a single vineyard 9c, from our oldest Syrah plantings, grown on a limestone hillside.





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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 oak barrels.

## Our Winemaker's comments

Heady mix of wild red berry fruits, toasty oak, complex meat and tarry notes. Deeply layered palate of ripe berry fruits, lovely balance, soft at first but then firming up with great tannin structure, nice freshness with acidity adding to a long and persistent finish.

Excellent example of a great year, elegant and well structured version of Incognito, will keep well for at least 10 years.

## Track Record – Awards

2009 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker  
2009 Vintage – Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012  
2009 Vintage – Gold Medal – Syrah du Monde 2012  
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  
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  
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2005  
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini – Germany 2005  
2002 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker  
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