



CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

Cortés de Cima Reserva 2011

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	40% Aragonez (Tempranillo), 35% Syrah, 15% Touriga Nacional, 10% Petit Verdot
Total Acids:	6.6
Final pH:	3.66
Reducing Sugar:	4.4
Alcohol:	14%
Barrel Ageing:	14 months in FO (100%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in March 2013
Total production: 9.900 bottles (75cl)



Awards

- ◆ Gold Medal - Mundus Vini 2015
- ◆ Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2014
- ◆ Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2014

Ratings

95 – Outstanding - Decanter Magazine

94 - Robert Parker

91 - Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

"Made only in top years, this rich, powerful, flagship red, lavished with new French oak, is **a winning match for lovers of bold, generous wines** with the oomph and balance to go some distance yet."
– *DECANTER Magazine UK*

"Savoury, intense, tobacco-edged blackcurrant and berry fruits, balsamic, fine tannins. **Rich, but lovely balance and length.**" – *Sarah Ahmed*

"Heady lifted perfume; rich and chewy on the palate, and packed with super-ripe – but not overripe-fruit. **A blockbuster but one that is well executed.**" – *Joanna Locke MW*

"This is simply a **beautifully focused and well structured** Reserva. **Precise and penetrating**, it is fresh and a little steely as it airs out, at least after the first rush of fruit and wood. The grip and penetration here is easily the **best in the winery's lineup** this issue. While it has plenty of midpalat concentration, it never seems jammy or thick. It may not have quite the sex appeal of the "*Incógnito*", but **the combination of finesse, concentration, structure and ageworthiness makes this a strong contender for the best red I've seen from Cortés de Cima.**" - *Mark Squires eRobertParker.com*

"The wine inside remains as dense and structured as ever. It's rich, full of tannins as well as **concentrated black plum and berry fruits.**" - *Wine Enthusiast*

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.



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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 14 months in French oak (100%) barrels, and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak components. Bottled, unfiltered and filtered in March 2013.

Our Winemaker's comments

Quite complex and a little developed with some gamey characters. Deep, rich flavoursome palate with soft fruit beginnings that firm up to give great length and persistence. Well balanced with good tannin structure and nice acidity. Drinking well but has the structure for long term bottle ageing.

Track Record – Awards

2009 Vintage – 91 – Robert Parker
2009 Vintage – 90 – Wine Enthusiast
2009 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2012
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2011
2004 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France 2009
2004 Vintage – BEST OF NATION – Portugal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California 2008
2004 Vintage – Gold Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California 2008
2004 Vintage – Great Gold Medal – Concours Mondial du Vin – Bruxelles 2007
2008 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker
2008 Vintage – 92 – Wine Enthusiast (Cellar Selection)
2004 Vintage – 91 – Robert Parker
2004 Vintage – 91 – Wine Enthusiast
2004 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini – Germany 2007
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2007
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2008
2003 Vintage – 92 – Robert Parker
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 – 91 – Robert Parker
2001 Vintage – 92 – Wine Enthusiast 'Editors' Choice!
2001 Vintage – Trophee 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 – 93 – Robert Parker
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 – 90 – Robert Parker
1997 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge International du Vin, Bordeaux 1999
1997 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge London, UK 1999