



CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

Cortés de Cima Syrah 2011

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Syrah
Total Acids:	5.9
Final pH:	3.6
Residual Sugars:	2.5
Alcohol:	14%
Barrel ageing:	8 months in French and American oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2012
Total production: 50.000 bottles (75cl)



Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2013
- ◆ Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge 2014
- ◆ Bronze Medal – Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2013

Ratings

89 – Robert Parker
88 – Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

"Beautifully constructed and balanced, with a crisp, fresh feel to it, this wine has fine structure, a slightly earthy undertone and a crisp, graceful feel, with a little tannic pop on the finish early on. It should be a great food wine. If this is not showing as much character as, say, the lovely 2009, it maintains its balance as well or better and finishes with tension and persistence." – *Mark Squires*

"The style is full of ripe fruit, structure and a fine juiciness. Touches of spice are a reminder of the natural flavors of the grape." – *Wine Enthusiast*

Harvest 2011

Harvest 2011, our 16th harvest. Another record winter rainfall. Record tropical heat in May. Record early start to harvest. Superlative summer and harvest weather. Harvest quantity – up. Harvest quality – above average.

Vinification

Made exclusively from selected Syrah 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 8 months in French and American oak barrels.

Our Winemaker's comments

Intense red berry fruit aromas, with notes of vanilla and licorice. A solid palate with a core of focused raspberry and cherry fruit, finishing with good acidity.



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Track Record

2010 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2012
2009 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012
2008 Vintage – Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2011
2007 Vintage – 90 – Wine Enthusiast “Editors Choice”
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2009
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2010
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2009
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin 2010
2005 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales 2009
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2008
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – Mundus Vini 2008
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2007
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal – Mundus Vini 2006
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial du Vin 2006
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini – Germany
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial du Vin – Bruxelles
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition 2004
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2004
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales 2004
2001 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin 2003