



ALENTEJO - PORTUGAL  
**CORTES DE CIMA**  
FAMILY VINEYARDS

## Incógnito 2012

Cortes de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

**Varietal:** 100% Syrah  
**Total Acids:** 5.9  
**Final pH:** 3.51  
**Total Sugar:** 0.7  
**Alcohol:** 14%  
**Barrel ageing:** 8 months new French barriques 100%

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate  
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2013  
Total production: 13.700 bottles (75cl)

### Awards

- ◆ **Top Ten Best Syrah** – Syrah du Monde 2016
- ◆ **Gold Medal** – Syrah du Monde 2016
- ◆ **Gold Medal** – Mundus Vini 2016

### Ratings

**92 – Robert Parker**  
**92 – Wine Enthusiast**

### Reviews

**“beautiful—fresh, elegant and still lush - impeccable balance - Sensual and appealing”** –  
*Mark Squires, The Wine Advocate, Dec 2017*

**“That said, this has a sensual Burgundian feel,** with finesse and silky texture. **Wonderfully graceful,** it has mild Syrah nuances underneath and controlled power. This is **a perfect food wine.**”  
- *Mark Squires, robertparker.com*

**“Powerful and spicy,** this is a concentrated wine. It has a firm and rich structure of solid tannins. That contrasts with the black plum and juicy berry fruits. Together, they make a wine that is **impressive,** dark and only just ready to drink. Best wait until 2017.” – *Roger Voss, Wine Enthusiast*

**“Sweet and spicy - nothing like the northern Rhône - much richer. More like a top Languedoc Syrah,** it seems to me. Still a little bit chewy on the end.” - *Jancis Robinson, August 2016*

### 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.

### Harvest 2012

Harvest 2012, our 17th harvest. A record cold and dry winter, followed by a cold and wet spring. Superlative summer. All in all, a quality driven vintage!





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### **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**

Dark berry and plum fruits with subtle notes of toasty oak. Spicy, earthy, complex. Elegant palate showing layers of velvety fruit supported by a firm tannic structure. Extremely well balanced with nicely integrated oak. Classic Incognito, approachable now, but has the balance and structure for long term ageing.

### **Track Record – Awards**

2011 Vintage – Best Red Portugal - Korea Wine Challenge 2014  
2011 Vintage – Gold Medal - Korea Wine Challenge 2014  
2011 Vintage – Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2014  
2011 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2014  
2011 Vintage – 91-93 – Robert Parker / Mark Squires  
2011 Vintage – 91 – Wine Enthusiast  
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 / Mark Squires  
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 / Mark Squires  
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