



CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

Cortés de Cima Syrah 2012

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal:	100% Syrah
Total Acids:	5.8
Final pH:	3.58
Residual Sugars:	3.2
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 2013
Total production: 5.000 bottles (37cl), 54.000 bottles (75cl)

Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2014

Ratings

88 – Robert Parker
88 – Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

"Fresh and friendly, with some earthy, Syrah-typical nuances in the background. The brightness and sunny demeanor coupled with the juicy and tasty finish often makes up for the more modest opening and concentration here. As unassuming as it is in some respects, I found myself liking it quite a lot. It is definitely **perfect as a food wine.**" - *Mark Squires (January, 2015)*
erobertparker.com

"Roasted coffee, solid and spicy fruit. Structured extended tannins."- *International Wine Challenge 2015*

"Very perfumed and dense, this is a structured, aromatic wine, full of dark berry tones and fine acidity to balance." – *Roger Voss – Wine Enthusiast*

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!

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

Dark berry and plummy stone fruit aromas, with notes of vanillin spice. Its juicy palate is well balanced by dense tannins, providing excellent structure.





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Track Record

2011 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2013
2011 Vintage – Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge 2014
2011 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Decanter Asia Wine Awards 2013
2011 Vintage – Commended – Decanter World Wine Awards 2013
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