



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

## Cortes de Cima Syrah 2013

Cortes de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

**Varietal:** 100% Syrah  
**Total Acids:** 5.6  
**Final pH:** 3.70  
**Total sugar:** 3.8  
**Alcohol:** 14%  
**Barrel ageing:** 8 months in French Oak (90%) and American Oak (10%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.  
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2014  
Total production: 5.500 bottles (37cl), 48.900 bottles (75cl)



### Awards

- ◆ **Silver Medal** – Decanter World Wine Awards 2016
- ◆ **Silver Medal** – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2016
- ◆ **Silver Medal** – Mundus Vini 2016

### Ratings

89 – Robert Parker  
88 – Wine Spectator

### Reviews

"It is lifted, fruity, bright and sunny. It has a nice backbone, an elegant mid-palate and some grip on the **remarkably tasty finish**. This lively and graceful Syrah should be a **great food wine** in particular." - *Mark Squires eRobertParker.com*

"Nicely oaky, with plenty of smoky notes to the ripe plum and roasted cherry flavors. Pepper and dried herb hints on the finish." – *Wine Spectator*

### Harvest 2013

A dry winter, followed by a cold and wet spring. A moderate summer, which heated up in August. A delayed growing season, with late flowering, ripening and a large harvest. High Acids, ripe tannins.

### 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 (90%) and American (10%) oak barrels.

### Our Winemaker's comments

This wine shows brooding aromas of dark berry fruits, blackberry and plum, with some earthy, spicy complexity. Layers of rich, ripe fruit are supported by a solid palate.



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### **Track Record**

2012 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2015  
2012 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2014  
2011 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 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