



ALENTEJO - PORTUGAL
CORTES DE CIMA
FAMILY VINEYARDS

Incógnito 2014

Cortes de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal: 100% Syrah
Total Acids: 5.3
Final pH: 3.57
Total Sugar: 0.4
Alcohol: 14%
Barrel ageing: 8 months French Oak (90%) / American Oak (10%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2015
Total production: 10.500 bottles (75cl)

Awards

🏆 **Gold Medal** – Vinalies Internacionais 2018

Ratings

91 - Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

"The wine is dark, dense and concentrated. It is shot through with blackberry and plum flavors that are layered with dense tannins and a perfumed aftertaste." - Oct/2018 - ROGER VOSS - *Wine Enthusiast*

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 2014

Winter rainfall was plentiful, followed by an excellent summer growing season, mild for Alentejan standards. An early harvest with a rapid end, due to the early arrival of September rains.

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

Our Winemaker's comments

Dark, brooding, stone fruit aromas of plums and prunes with a touch of toasty oak. Seamless palate with layers of fruits, sweet and silky, nicely textured, full bodied, densely flavoured with fine supple tannins to finish.





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Track Record – Awards

2012 Vintage –
2012 Vintage – 92 – Wine Enthusiast
2012 Vintage – Top Ten Best Syrah – Syrah du Monde 2016
2012 Vintage – Gold Medal – Syrah du Monde 2016
2012 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2016
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