



ALENTEJO - PORTUGAL
CORTES DE CIMA
FAMILY VINEYARDS

Chaminé Branco 2015

Cortes de Cima
Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varieties: 35% Sauvignon Blanc, 35% Verdelho, 15% Viognier, 15% Antão Vaz
Total Acids: 5.2
Final pH: 3.29
Total Sugar: 0.5
Alcohol: 12,5%

Bottled on the family estate in March 2016
No barrel ageing



Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2016
- ◆ Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2016

Ratings

87 – Robert Parker
87 - Wine Enthusiast

Reviews

"This is a zestier white than most from Central Alentejo, because the first 70% of the juice in fact comes from the winery's newer coastal vineyards. This has become **a perennial bargain in a fresh, lighter-styled white**, reminding me a bit of Vinho Verde at times (without fizz, of course). **It's hard to go wrong at the price point, which makes it a "buy-it-every-year" type of summer picnic wine.** Crisp, fresh and pointed, it is not overly concentrated, but it **always tastes great and goes down easy.**" - Mark Squires *eRobertParker.com*

"With Verdelho and Viognier in the blend, this attractive wine has a ripe perfumed character. It also has a crisp side with its lemon fruits that contrast with the spicy pear and melon. It is ready to drink, bright and crisp at the end." - *Wine Enthusiast*

Harvest 2015

Characterized by very favorable growing season conditions and led to one of the best vintages in recent years. Cold and dry winter, warm and dry summer, free of heat waves, dry September.

Vinification

A blend of local and international varieties from our cool Alentejan Atlantic coastal vineyards (Verdelho, Sauvignon Blanc) and interior (Antão Vaz, Viognier). Harvested during the cool hours of the early morning, the grapes were destemmed and pressed, followed by settling at low temperatures for 24 hours. Fermented at controlled temperatures in tanks for 15 days and matured on fine lees, with regular stirring. Fined, filtered and bottled to maintain its clean, crisp flavours.

Our Winemaker's comments

Exotic fruit aromas. The palate is elegant with a good fruit intensity, and a nice balancing acidity to a persistent flavorsome finish.



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Track Record

2014 Vintage - 87 - Robert Parker
2014 Vintage - Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge 2015
2013 Vintage - 86 – Robert Parker
2012 Vintage - 85 – Robert Parker
2012 Vintage - 85 – Wine Enthusiast
2012 Vintage - Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2013
2012 Vintage - Bronze Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2013
2012 Vintage - Commended – International Wine Challenge 2013
2011 Vintage - 86 – Robert Parker
2011 Vintage - 85 – Wine Enthusiast
2011 Vintage - Silver Medal - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012
2011 Vintage - Bronze Medal - DWWA 2012
2011 Vintage - Bronze Medal - HK IWSC 2012
2010 Vintage - 87 – Wine Spectator
2010 Vintage - 86 – Wine Enthusiast
2010 Vintage - 86 – 'Best Buy' – Wine Spectator
2010 Vintage - 85 – Robert Parker
2010 Vintage - Silver Medal - IWC London 2011
2010 Vintage - Gran Menzione - Vinitaly - Itália 2011
2009 Vintage – 88 – i-winereview
2009 Vintage – 87 – Wine Enthusiast “Best Buy”
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