



ALENTEJO - PORTUGAL
CORTES DE CIMA
FAMILY VINEYARDS

Cortes de Cima Alvarinho 2016

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal: 100% Alvarinho
Total Acids: 5.3
Final pH: 3.26
Total Sugar: 0.6
Alcohol: 12,5%
Barrel Ageing: 25% volume was barrel aged for 6 months in 100% French Oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in June 2017
Total production: 4.000 bottles (75cl)



Ratings

88 – Wine Enthusiast
88 – Robert Parker
16,5 – Jancis Robinson

Reviews

"acquired richness, tropical fruit flavors as well as retaining plenty of crisp acidity." - Oct/2018 - ROGER VOSS - *Wine Enthusiast*

"enticing...a lovely Alvarinho...another bit of proof that the grape can do well in Alentejo." – Mark Squires, *The Wine Advocate*, Dec 2017 – Robert Parker

"A whole new chapter in the book of this grape variety. Really gets the saliva flowing" – Jancis Robinson, *jancisrobinson.com*, July 2018

"full of lively citrus and stone fruit flavours, mouth-watering" – Julia Harding, *jancisrobinson.com*

Harvest 2016

2016 vintage was marked by atypical weather. A warm and dry winter preceded a cold, wet spring. Summer was hot and dry, allowing for undisturbed ripening.

Vinification

Made entirely from Alvarinho grapes, grown on the Alentejan west coast, 3 km from the Atlantic Ocean. 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. Partially barrel aged and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak complexity. Bottled, filtered in June 2017.

Our Winemaker's comments

Refreshing notes of lime and papaya are balanced by subtle oak and mineral acidity.



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Track Record

2015 Vintage – 90 – Wine Enthusiast

2015 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker

2015 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2017

2014 Vintage – 90 – Wine Enthusiast

2014 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2016