



# CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

## Cortés de Cima 2012

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	40% Aragonez (Tempranillo), 35% Syrah, 15% Touriga Nacional, 10% Petit Verdot
<b>Total Acids:</b>	6.0
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.64
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	4.4
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Barrel Ageing:</b>	12 months in French Oak (70%) and American Oak (30%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate  
Bottled unfinned and filtered in April 2014  
Closed with natural cork closure



## Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal – Mundus Vini 2016
- ◆ Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2015
- ◆ Bronze Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2015
- ◆ Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge 2015

## Ratings

88 – Wine Enthusiast  
87 – Robert Parker

## Reviews

"This estate wine from Cortés de Cima is a full and dense blend, **brimming with southern warmth**. Rich berry fruits give a ripe character, laced with acidity. The still-present tannins from a mix of indigenous and classic grapes aged in French and American barrels do promise to add long life to this wine." - Roger Voss | *Wine Enthusiast* 10/01/2015

"This has a refined, silky feel and some complexity as the wine shows bits of beef and game on the finish to go with its sappy young fruit. Modest in midpalate concentration, it is still good enough to pick itself up after an overly understated beginning and flesh out a bit. It shows better structure along the way, too, as well as more expressive fruit. The relatively ripe tannins give the fruit nice support and make it a bit more serious. Overall, this came around well and seemed much more interesting with about 20 minutes of air." - Mark Squires eRobertParker.com

## 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

Well ripened fruit. Fermented without stems under controlled temperature, with frequent pisage and delestage. Aged for 12 months in French (70%), American (30%) oak barrels, and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak complexity. Bottled, unfinned and filtered.

## Our Winemaker's Comments

Spicy, savory aromas with some vanillin notes. Sweet, savory fruit, flavors with an elegant palate.



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## Track Record

2011 Vintage - 91 – Wine & Spirit Magazine  
2011 Vintage – Gold Medal – Challenge International du Vin 2014  
2010 Vintage - Gold Medal – Sakura Japan Women's Wine Award 2014  
2009 Vintage - 90 - Wine Enthusiast  
2009 Vintage - Gold Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2012  
2007 Vintage - Silver Medal (Best In Class) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2010  
2006 Vintage - Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2009  
2005 Vintage – Gold Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2008  
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – S.F. Intl. Wine Competition – California 2008  
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – Mundus Vini – Germany 2008  
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – AWC Vienna – Austria 2008  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2007  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin – Bordeaux 2007  
2002 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales;  
2002 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2006;  
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2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2004;  
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2003;  
2000 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial;  
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1999 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles ;  
1999 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge International du Vin.  
1998 Vintage – CIVART Trophy and Gold Medal – Challenge International du Vin;  
1998 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge.  
1997 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge.  
1996 Vintage – Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge.