

## Cortés de Cima 2006

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	75% Syrah, 15% Aragonez (Tempranillo), 5% Touriga Nacional, 3% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>Total Acids:</b>	5.6
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.80
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	3.6
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Barrel Ageing:</b>	12 months French Oak (80%) e American Oak (20%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate  
Total production: 92.648 bottles  
Bottled: October 2008  
Release date: December 2008



### Awards

- ◆ **Bronze Medal** - International Wine Challenge - London 2009
- ◆ **Silver Medal** - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2009

### Vintage 2006

The winter 2005/2006 saw both abundant rainfall, ending a 3 year dry spell, as well as the first snowfall in 52 years in the Alentejo. A very cold spring which delayed budbreak, was followed by ideal weather conditions under the crucial flowering period, resulting in an even fruit set, and followed by a optimum dry and warm summer growing period. August was marred by 2 consecutive heat waves, when for a record 11 nights, temperatures remained above 25° C. Therefore Syrah, often the last variety to be harvested in our vineyards, was vintage 2006's débutante, while selective harvesting of Aragonez went on well into October, taking advantage of the ideal late September harvest weather, and giving them more hangtime needed to reach full ripeness.

### Vinification

Made exclusively from selected grapes handpicked at optimum maturity from 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 12 months in French (80%) and American (20%) oak barrels, and then blended to give balanced varietal fruit and oak components. Bottled, unfinned and filtered in October 2008.

### Our Winemaker's Comments

Deep, dark intense red with violet edges, with mature red berry fruit aroma, smoky notes. Rich, concentrated fruit on the palate. Everything in balance. Layers of fruit, ripe supportive tannins, lovely texture.

### Reviews

Heavy tobacco and red berries on the nose, with lots of fruit, cocoa and mint. - *IWC 2009*



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Alentejo, Portugal **Family Vineyards**

### **Track Record**

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  
2005 Vintage – Commended – International Wine Challenge – London 2008  
2005 Vintage – Commended – Decanter World Wine Awards – IK 2008  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2007  
2004 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin – Bordeaux 2007  
2004 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2007  
2004 Vintage – Bronze Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California 2007  
2004 Vintage – Gran Menzione – Vinaly 2007 Concorso Enologico Internazionale  
2004 Vintage – Approved – Mundus Vini – Germany 2007  
2002 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales;  
2002 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2006;  
2002 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2005;  
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2004;  
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2003;  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge 2006;  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin 2006;  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition;  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards;  
2002 Vintage – Gran Menzione – Vinaly.  
2001 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin;  
2001 Vintage – Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge;  
2001 Vintage – Bronze Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition;  
2001 Vintage – Gran Menzione – Vinaly;  
2001 Vintage – Commended – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition;  
2001 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin;  
2001 Vintage – Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge;  
2001 Vintage – Bronze Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition;  
2001 Vintage – Gran Menzione – Vinaly.  
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.