



# Cortés de Cima

Alentejo, Portugal Family Vineyards

## Syrah 2007

Cortés de Cima  
Vinho Regional Alentejano

<b>Varietal:</b>	100% Syrah
<b>Total Acids:</b>	5.6
<b>Final pH:</b>	3.68
<b>Residual Sugars:</b>	3.2
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14%
<b>Barrel ageing:</b>	8 months in French and American oak

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.  
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in July 2008  
20.400 bottles (75 cl) produced



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## Vintage 2007

A cooler and delayed growing season resulted in grapes with lower baumé, and wines with less alcohol but more elegance. Splendid weather at both the start and end of the harvest, of sunny, warm days and cool nights, was interrupted by a spell of inclement thunderstorms. The unusual September humidity dashed our hopes for a potential superlative vintage, into just a better than average year.

## Vinification

Made exclusively from selected Syrah grapes hand picked 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 and American oak barrels.

## Our Winemaker's Comments

Complex aromas of earth, spice and fruit, with a solid textured palate showing red berry fruit, sweet and gamey flavors. Well balanced with a good structure and a long finish.

## Awards

- ◆ Silver Medal – Vinalies China – France 2010
- ◆ Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles - 2009
- ◆ Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2009
- ◆ Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2009
- ◆ Silver Medal - Challenge Intl. du Vin - Bordeaux 2010
- ◆ Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2010
- ◆ Bronze Medal - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2010

## Ratings

90 – Editors Choice - *WE* 05/2010

88 – *Parker*



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## Reviews

**A firmly structured wine, its tannins well bedded into perfumed black plum fruits. It has juicy, fresh acidity over the rich fruits, giving brightness to an otherwise weighty wine. - WE (8/1/2010)**

**Well conceived and hard to resist. If you are looking for value this is a good place to start. Graceful and elegant, with the fruit dribbling over the palate, it has enough tannin to provide some grip, but a charming feel. It has fruity notes sufficient to please everyone, but also a touch of an earthy and somewhat gamey overlay that will make Syrah fanciers sit up and take notice too. Charming and nicely constructed, it has just enough of a backbone, although it is obviously a wine made for 'now' rather than development in the cellar. It's drinking beautifully now. Drink now-2015. - Mark Squires - eRobertParker, Dec 2010**

**Intense spice, mocha and French roast notes fill this ripe red. Chestnut and maple linger on the finish. Drink now.- KM, Wine Spectator, Web Only -2011**

## Track Record

2005 Vintage - Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France 2009  
2005 Vintage - Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2008  
2005 Vintage - Silver Medal – Mundus Vini - Germany 2008  
2005 Vintage - Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge - London 2008  
2004 Vintage - Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) - Intl Wine & Spirit Competition - UK 2007  
2004 Vintage - Silver Medal - Mundus Vini - Germany 2006  
2004 Vintage - Silver Medal - Concours Mondial du Vin - Bruxelles 2006  
2004 Vintage - Bronze Medal - International Wine Challenge - London 2008  
2004 Vintage - Gran Menzione - Vinalty 2008 Concorso Enologico Internazionale  
2004 Vintage - Gran Menzione - Vinalty 2007 Concorso Enologico Internazionale  
2004 Vintage - Seal of Approval - International Wine Challenge - London 2006  
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial du Vin  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition  
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Mundus Vini  
2003 Vintage – Bronze Medal – International Wine Challenge  
2003 Vintage – Bronze Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition  
2003 Vintage – Seal of Approval – International Wine Challenge  
2003 Vintage – Gran Menzione – Vinalty  
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California  
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London  
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Japan Wine Challenge  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK  
2002 Vintage – Bronze Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards – UK  
2002 Vintage – Approved – Mundus Vini – Germany  
2001 Vintage – Silver Medal– Challenge Intl. du Vin, Bordeaux  
2001 Vintage – Seal – Intl. Wine Challenge, London