



ALENTEJO - PORTUGAL
CORTES DE CIMA
FAMILY VINEYARDS

Cortes de Cima Tinto 2015

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal: 45% Aragonez (Tempranillo), 30% Syrah, 15% Touriga Nacional, 10% Petit Verdot
Total Acids: 5.50
Final pH: 3.52
Total sugar: 0.7

Barrel Ageing: 12 months in French Oak (80%) and American Oak (20%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate
Bottled unfinned and filtered in April 2017
Closed with natural cork closure

Ratings

89 – Robert Parker

Reviews

"Elegant, but feeling substantial in the mouth, this is beautifully textured, clean, fresh and pure. It's not particularly deep, but it's never thin. **Bright, delicious and oh so graceful**, this is very well done. Recently, if you caught my vertical, we learned it ages pretty well too." *Mark Squires, The Wine Advocate, August 2019*

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

Aragonez (45%), Syrah (30%), Touriga Nacional (15%) and Petit Verdot (10%) all grown sustainably on the ancient clay over limestone soils in own vineyards surrounding our estate in Vidigueira.

Each parcel was harvested separately according to ripeness. The fruit was destemmed and gently crushed, following fermentation under temperature control for 2 weeks in stainless steel tanks, with gentle punchdowns, pumpovers and delestage. The wines matured in 1st-4th year French (80%) and American (20%) oak barrels for 12 months. Bottled at the estate in April 2017.

Our Winemaker's Comments

Translucent garnet in color with a purple edge, the wine resonates with deep earthy aromas of iron, graphite and red clay. Intertwined there are layers of prunes, ripe persimmon and redcurrant jelly and sweet spice providing a clove and vanilla lift. Ripe but firm structure anchors the earthy, savoury elements that transcend into the palate. The wine finishes in a drawn out dance between the lifted aromatics and clay like tannin.





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Track Record

2014 Vintage - Gold Medal – Vinalies Internationales 2018
2013 Vintage - Silver Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2017
2013 Vintage - Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2017
2013 Vintage - Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales 2017
2013 Vintage - Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2016
2012 Vintage - Silver Medal – Mundus Vini 2016
2012 Vintage - Silver Medal – Concours Mondial Bruxelles 2015
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
2002 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini 2005
2002 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2004
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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
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