



CORTES DE CIMA

FAMILY VINEYARDS ALENTEJO, PORTUGAL

Cortés de Cima Touriga Nacional 2012

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Vinho Regional Alentejano

Varietal: 100% Touriga Nacional
Total Acids: 5.3
Final pH: 3.58
Total sugar: 0.7
Alcohol: 14%
Barrel ageing: 8 months in French Oak (100%)

Grown, produced and bottled at the family estate.
Bottled unfiltered and filtered in August 2013
Total production: 5.360 bottles (75cl)

Awards

- ◆ Portuguese Red Trophy - International Wine Challenge 2015
- ◆ Alentejo Red Trophy - International Wine Challenge 2015
- ◆ Gold Medal - International Wine Challenge 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal - Concurso Vinhos de Portugal 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal - International Wine & Spirit Competition 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal - Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal - Challenge International du Vin 2015
- ◆ Silver Medal - Vinalies Internationales 2015

Ratings

92 – Highly Recommended- Decanter Magazine
90 - Robert Parker
88 – Wine Spectator
17 – Jancis Robinson

Reviews

"Floral, violet and red plum aromas matched by creamy oak. An intense palate with kalamata olive, blackcurrant and tapenade. **Good acidity, balanced powerful tannins and fruit highly persistent and rich.**" – *DECANTER Magazine UK*

"This monovarietal doesn't go for the obvious or concentration; it is all about the elegance and the aromatics. If it is a bit understated in some ways, it is also fragrant, rather crisp and quite graceful. It adds, happily, a fine backbone for support. It is approachable, but capable of improving with a few years of cellaring as well. **Lingering on the finish, it demonstrates that finesse is not synonymous with wimpy.** It does need a bit of air to make that point. **Overall, this beautifully balanced Touriga is probably the winery's best Touriga yet.**" – *Mark Squires, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate*

"Cinnamon accents provide a zesty essence to the cherry tart and plum flavors. Dried herbal tones on the tannic finish." – *Wine Spectator*

"Ripe and luscious - very confident - with good balance of fruit, tannin and acidity. Drinking well now." – *Jancis Robinson, August 2016*

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

Made exclusively from selected Touriga Nacional 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 oak barrels.





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Our Winemaker's comments

Seductive aromas of dark berries, with complex floral notes. Intense fruit on a firm, well structured palate, a good acidity with a persistent finish.

Track Record – Awards

2008 Vintage – 91 – Wine Enthusiast
2008 Vintage – Gold Medal – BACCHUS 2012
2008 Vintage – Gold Medal – Vinalies Paris 2012
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – Hong Kong International Wine and Spirit Competition 2013
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial de Bruxelles 2013
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2013
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge 2011
2008 Vintage – Silver Medal – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition 2012
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal – Concours Mondial du Vin – Bruxelles – 2009
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2009
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2009
2007 Vintage – Silver Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2010
2005 Vintage – 90 – Robert Parker
2005 Vintage – PORTUGUESE RED TROPHY – International Wine Challenge – London 2008
2005 Vintage – ALENTEJO TROPHY – International Wine Challenge – London 2008
2005 Vintage – Gold Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2008
2005 Vintage – Gold Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2008
2005 Vintage – Grand Gold – Concours Mondial du Vin – Bruxelles 2008
2005 Vintage – Gold Medal – Challenge Intl. du Vin – Bordeaux 2008
2005 Vintage – Grand Gold – Mundus Vini – Germany 2008
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – S.F. Intl Wine Competition – California 2008
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – Decanter World Wine Awards – UK 2008
2005 Vintage – Silver Medal – Vinalies Internationales – France 2008
2003 Vintage – 90 – Wine Enthusiast
2003 Vintage – TOURIGA TROPHY – International Wine Challenge – London 2005
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – International Wine Challenge – London 2005
2003 Vintage – Grand Gold – Concorso Enologico Internazionale Vinitaly 2005
2003 Vintage – Grand Gold – Concours Mondial du Vin – Bruxelles 2005
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal (BEST IN CLASS) – Intl Wine & Spirit Competition – UK 2005
2003 Vintage – Gold Medal – Mundus Vini – Germany
2003 Vintage – Troféu Excellence – Citadelles du Vin – Bordeaux 2005
2003 Vintage – Silver Medal – Challenge Int. du Vin – Bordeaux 2005
2002 Vintage – 91 – Wine Spectator "Top 100 Wines List"