

MAISON  
**TARDIEU - LAURENT**  
FAMILLE TARDIEU



## Maison Tardieu Laurent - Rasteau - Vieilles Vignes

AOC Rasteau, Vallée du Rhône, France

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### THE VINTAGE

A Vintage shaped for Grenache, in the first place. Intense, engaging, deep colors... Bright fruit, striking structures, with a singular quality of the tannin... And the more unreal, as this is the most unlikely feature in this table, the pH... pH which is astonishingly low...

All in all, 2016 solves the problem of squaring the circle in the world of wine ! Wines which are "easy", absolutely delicious to drink young, fresh, yet with a structure, a fleshiness, a balance, which promise them an unprecedented destiny...

### TYPE OF SOIL

Limestone-clay slopes and blue clay.

### AGEING

12 months in one vintage old barrels. Allier and Tronçais. Then 6 months in foudre.

### WINEMAKING

1/3 non destemmed.

### VARIETALS

Grenache 65%, Syrah 25%, Mourvèdre 10%

### TECHNICAL DATA

Age of vines: Grenache: 80 years, Syrah and Mourvèdre: 40 years years old

### 14,5% % VOL.

Bottling: Without fining and filtration.

### SERVING

14°C

Decant an hour before tasting.

### TASTING

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### REVIEWS AND AWARDS

92-94/100

"The 2016 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes was one of my favorites in the lineup and this beauty has everything you could want from this appellation. Chocolate, black fruits, espresso and graphite aromas give way to a ripe, building, concentrated 2016 that has fabulous purity. It has plenty of tannins as well, but they're mostly covered by loads of fruit at the moment. Give bottles 2-3 years and enjoy through 2026."

JebDunnuck.com, 19/10/2017





17/20

"Bright crimson. Hedonistic, heady, super-ripe nose with great lift and juicy refreshment on the finish. Masses of black fruit flavours overlay some very fine tannins. There's something (agreeably) medicinal about this. And you could almost drink it straightaway. Although it clearly has a long life ahead of it."

Jancis Robinson, 01/12/2017

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

93/100

"Brambly, dark and fresh fruit here with some spiced chocolate also in the mix. The palate delivers a wealth of plush, sweet-fruit flavor. Rich and fluid. Lots to like here. Drink or hold"

James Suckling, 29/08/2018

Wine Spectator

91/100

"Plum and blackberry preserve flavors glide through, inlaid with cocoa and melted black licorice notes. A light graphite edge keeps this honest."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 30/11/2018



88-90/100

"The full-bodied 2016 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes is plush and ripe, its red and blue fruits dressed up with notes of baking spices. It's a blend of 65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, but it comes across as slightly generic."

Wine Advocate, 31/08/2018

